



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1       **[EXECUTIVE OFFICER READES CLOSED SESSION REPORT ON PAGE 279]**

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5       (GAVEL) .

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7       **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO  
8       THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JULY 12, 2016  
9       MEETING. OUR MEETING WILL NOW COME TO ORDER. THIS MORNING, THE  
10      INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY FATHER TONY ASTUDILLO, ST. LORENZO  
11      RUIZ CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WALNUT, AND THE PLEDGE THIS MORNING  
12      WILL BE LED BY KELLY A. OROZCO, FORMER PETTY OFFICER FIRST  
13      CLASS, UNITED STATES NAVY, FROM THE CITY OF COVINA. PLEASE  
14      RISE, EVERYONE.

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16      **FR. TONY ASTUDILLO:** BLESSED ARE YOU, O GOD OF OUR FATHERS.  
17      PRAISED BE YOUR NAME FOREVER AND EVER. MAY THE HEAVENS AND ALL  
18      YOUR CREATION PRAISE YOU FOREVER. WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF  
19      THIS DAY AND THE GIFT OF YOUR PRESENCE AT THIS ASSEMBLY OF OUR  
20      LEADERS, OUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND COMMUNITY. WE GATHER  
21      BEFORE YOU, LORD, CONSCIOUS OF OUR WEAKNESSES AND NEED, BUT  
22      AWARE THAT WE GATHER IN YOUR NAME. BLESS OUR LEADERS, OUR  
23      COUNTY SUPERVISORS, IN THEIR ASSEMBLY. COME TO THEM, STAY WITH  
24      THEM DURING THESE DELIBERATIONS. REMAIN WITH THEM AND  
25      ENLIGHTEN THEIR HEARTS. GIVE THEM LIGHT AND STRENGTH TO KNOW



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1 WHAT YOU MAY BE ASKING OF THEM, TO MAKE IT THEIR OWN AND TO  
2 LIVE IT IN THEIR LIVES. GUIDE THEM BY YOUR WISDOM. SUPPORT  
3 THEM BY YOUR POWER, FOR YOU ARE GOD AND YOUR NAME BE BLESSED  
4 FOREVER. YOU DESIRE JUSTICE FOR ALL. ENABLE THEM TO UPHOLD THE  
5 RIGHTS OF OTHERS. DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO BE MISLED BY IGNORANCE  
6 OR CORRUPTED BY FEAR OR FAVOR. UNITE THEM TO YOURSELF IN THE  
7 BOND OF LOVE AND KEEP THEM FAITHFUL TO ALL THAT IS TRUE. AS  
8 THEY GATHER IN YOUR NAME, MAY THEY TEMPER JUSTICE WITH LOVE SO  
9 THAT ALL THEIR DECISIONS MAY BE PLEASING TO YOU AND EARN THE  
10 REWARD PROMISED TO GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS. ALL FOR YOUR  
11 GREATER GLORY, AMEN.

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13 **KELLY A. OROZCO:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PUT YOUR HAND OVER YOUR  
14 HEART. VETERANS MAY RENDER A HAND SALUTE. [PLEDGE OF  
15 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, FATHER TONY, FOR LEADING  
18 US THIS MORNING IN OUR INVOCATION. FATHER TONY SERVES AS THE  
19 PASTOR OF ST. LORENZO RUIZ CATHOLIC PARISH IN THE CITY OF  
20 WALNUT IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. HE WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 25,  
21 1948 IN ABRA, A PROVINCE LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE  
22 PHILIPPINES AND RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN 1983 WHEN  
23 HE TOOK HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT THE  
24 NATIVITY PARISH CHURCH IN EL MONTE WHERE I CURRENTLY ATTEND.  
25 HE WAS ORDAINED TO PRIESTHOOD AT THE AGE OF 24 AND HAS SERVED





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1 UNDER THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES IN MANY COMMUNITIES  
2 THROUGHOUT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HE ALSO SERVED AS ASSOCIATE  
3 PASTOR AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH IN SOUTH PASADENA FOR SIX YEARS,  
4 ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN MONTEREY PARK FOR  
5 TWO YEARS AND BECAME PASTOR AT HOLY INNOCENCE PARISH IN LONG  
6 BEACH WHERE HE SERVED FOR 10 YEARS. FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS HE  
7 HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO SHARING HIS WISDOM OF PROMISE, SPIRITUAL  
8 ONENESS WITH GOD AND WITH THE COMMUNITY IN WALNUT. THANK YOU  
9 SO MUCH. WE ARE SO PLEASED THAT YOU COULD PROVIDE THE OPENING  
10 PRAYER FOR US THIS MORNING. THANK YOU, FATHER. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONCE AGAIN, IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE  
13 MIKE OROZCO WHO LED US IN THE PRAYER--I SHOULD SAY, FATHER LED  
14 US IN PRAYER-- LED US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ANYWAY, WE  
15 HAVE A 20-YEAR VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY. HE SERVED  
16 BETWEEN 1991 AND 2011. HE ALSO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE VETERANS  
17 PROGRAM THAT WE HAD AND COMING IN THAT PROGRAM HE IS NOW A  
18 COUNTY EMPLOYEE. HE'S BEEN WORKING WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
19 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AS AN ELIGIBILITY WORKER  
20 II WELFARE FRAUD INVESTIGATOR TRAINEE. HE'S A GRADUATE OF PICO  
21 RIVERA'S EL RANCHO HIGH SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE IN  
22 LA VERNE. DURING HIS CAREER IN THE NAVY, HIS LAST UNIT WAS THE  
23 U.S.S. NIMITZ. HE SERVED IN THE ARABIAN GULF WITH OPERATION  
24 DESERT SHIELD, OPERATING SOUTHERN WATCH AND OPERATING ENDURING  
25 FREEDOM AND OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. HE RECEIVED THE SURFACE



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1 WARFARE SPECIALIST, AVIATION WARFARE SPECIALIST, COMBAT  
2 WARFARE SPECIALIST, ALONG WITH MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATIONS  
3 ,ALONG WITH THE ARMED FORCES MEDAL AND HE'S AN EXPERT RIFLE  
4 AND EXPERT PISTOL. I NEVER MADE THE EXPERT WHEN I WAS IN THE  
5 ARMY. ANYWAY, WE JUST WANT TO THANK YOU, MICHAEL. HE HAS ONE  
6 SON, MICHAEL. AND WE WANT TO THANK KELLY FOR COMING DOWN AND  
7 LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW ASK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO  
10 CALL THE AGENDA.

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12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND  
13 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3,  
14 REPORTS. ON ITEMS R-1 AND R-2, THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR  
15 DISCUSSION WITH ITEM 36. ON ITEM R-3, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
16 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY  
17 19, 2016. ON ITEM R-4, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION.  
18 ON ITEM R-5, THE INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT  
19 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 26TH. ON PAGE 6,  
20 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEMS 1-D AND 2-D,  
22 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.  
23 AND ON ITEM 2-D, THIS ITEM RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 7, AND A  
24 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT 3-D BE HELD. ITEM 4-D  
25 IS BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
3 SHEILA KUEHL. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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5 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 8, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING  
6 OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ITEM 1-H IS BEFORE YOU.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
9 KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 9 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF  
12 THE PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-F IS BEFORE YOU.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
15 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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17 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 10, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING  
18 OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON ITEM 1-P, A  
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON  
20 PAGE 11, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14, ON ITEMS 1  
21 AND 2, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS  
22 BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 3, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED  
23 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 5, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
24 HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 7, THIS ITEM  
25 WAS REVISED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA AND A MEMBER OF THE





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1 PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 9,  
2 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
3 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 19, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 10, THE CHIEF  
4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JULY  
5 19, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 11, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED  
6 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 12, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A  
7 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM  
8 WAS REVISED TO READ, ON NUMBER 8, SUB-8 OF THE MOTION,  
9 "INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS TO  
10 WORK WITH THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE PUBLIC WORKS  
11 AND OTHER RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS TO ASSESS AND REPORT BACK TO  
12 THE BOARD BY DECEMBER 31, 2016." ON ITEM NO. 14, A MEMBER OF  
13 THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING  
14 ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
17 KUEHL. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 21, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS  
20 15 THROUGH 31. ON ITEM 15, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
21 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 19,  
22 2016. A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE  
23 REQUESTED THAT ITEMS 16 AND 17 BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 18, THE  
24 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
25 ONE WEEK TO JULY 19, 2016. YES, NUMBER 18. CONTINUED. ON ITEM



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1 NO. 19, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
2 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 21, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT  
3 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 23, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS  
4 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 26, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
5 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 27, COUNTY COUNSEL  
6 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 19,  
7 2016. THE REMAINDER OF THE ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR  
8 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
11 KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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13 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 30, ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION.  
14 ITEM 32 IS BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SEPARATE MATTERS. ITEMS 33 THROUGH  
20 35, ON ITEMS NUMBER 33, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED  
21 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 35, THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION  
22 TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL  
23 ASSESSMENT LIMITED OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS SERIES 2016-C1  
24 UNDER LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENERGY PROGRAM, ON BEHALF OF MILLER  
25 B.R.G. L.P., IN A MAXIMUM PAR AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,530,000



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1 TO FUND THE INSTALLATION OF ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY  
2 IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY OWNERS LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
3 AREA OF CHATSWORTH. AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED  
4 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 34 IS BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
7 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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9 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 31, PUBLIC HEARING. ITEM 36  
10 WILL BE HELD ALONG WITH ITEM R-1 AND R-2 FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.  
11 THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
12 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3, AND  
13 PRESENTATIONS WILL BEGIN WITH THE CHAIR'S PRESENTATION TO THE  
14 NEW CONSUL GENERAL OF SRI LANKA.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, I'D LIKE TO  
17 INVITE OUR NEW CONSUL GENERAL FROM SRI LANKA TO LOS ANGELES.  
18 MS. SWARNA GUNARATNE-- DID I GET THAT RIGHT? GOOD-- TO COME  
19 FORWARD HERE. OUR NEW CONSUL GENERAL HAS HAD 28 YEARS OF  
20 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF OIL AND GAS ACCOUNTING  
21 IN ALBERTA'S OIL COMPANIES. SHE HOLDS A KAPPA DEGREE IN OIL  
22 AND GAS ACCOUNTING FROM MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY IN ALBERTA,  
23 CANADA AND MASTER'S DEGREE IN ECONOMICS. CONSUL GENERAL IS A  
24 MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCT  
25 PRODUCTION ACCOUNTANTS. AS PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA CANADA



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1 ASSOCIATION, SHE ACTIVELY PROMOTED THE SRI LANKA CULTURE. IN  
2 2013, SHE ADDRESSED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SRI LANKA AND  
3 THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER IN GENEVA. SHE WORKED AS A  
4 FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR AT THE UNITED NATIONS BRANCH IN CALGARY,  
5 CANADA, AND WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CALGARY ECONOMIC  
6 DEVELOPMENT SISTER CITIES PROGRAM. SHE WAS NAMED PRODUCTION  
7 AND REVENUE ACCOUNTING CONTROLLER FOR THE CANADIAN NATURAL  
8 RESOURCES LTD. AND THEN BECAME MANAGER FOR PRODUCTION AND  
9 REVENUE ACCOUNTING FOR THE PETRO BANK AND ENERGY AND LIGHT  
10 STREAM RESOURCES. IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, SHE WAS APPOINTED  
11 CONSUL GENERAL OF SRI LANKA TO LOS ANGELES. ON BEHALF OF THE  
12 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS THAT  
13 WE REPRESENT, WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME OUR NEW CONSUL GENERAL  
14 TO LOS ANGELES AND PLEDGE OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT WITH HER AND  
15 HER COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **HON. SWARNA GUNARATNE:** HONORABLE HILDA SOLIS, THE CHAIRMAN OF  
18 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALL OF THE COUNTY  
19 SUPERVISORS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
20 ANGELES, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I FEEL  
21 HONORED AND PRIVILEGED TO BE INVITED TO ADDRESS THE  
22 DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
23 SUPERVISORS THIS MORNING. I EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE AND  
24 APPRECIATION TO THE CHAIRMAN AND ALL OF THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS  
25 AND THE OFFICERS OF THE PROTOCOL OFFICE FOR ORGANIZING THIS



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1    EVENT AND FOR THE WARM WELCOME EXTENDED TO ME AT THIS  
2    HISTORICAL VENUE IN LOS ANGELES. I'M HAPPY TO BE THE FIRST  
3    FEMALE CONSUL GENERAL OF SRI LANKA IN LOS ANGELES WITH  
4    CONSULAR JURISDICTION COVERING 11 WESTERN STATES OF THE UNITED  
5    STATES OF AMERICA, AS OF MARCH 2016. AS MENTIONED IN THE  
6    INTRODUCTION, I HAVE WORKED AS AN EXECUTIVE IN A NUMBER OF  
7    CANADIAN OIL COMPANIES FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS. WHILE I WAS  
8    WORKING AS AN OIL EXECUTIVE, I STILL VOLUNTEERED IN DIFFERENT  
9    ORGANIZATIONS MAINLY AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE SRI LANKA CANADA  
10    ASSOCIATION, THE FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
11    CALGARY BRANCH AND DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF THE SISTER CITY  
12    PROGRAM BETWEEN CALGARY AND JAIPUR, INDIA. I ALWAYS HAD A  
13    PASSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR OUR  
14    PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR GIVING  
15    ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE COUNTY-- COUNTRY. AS A PART  
16    OF MY RESPONSIBILITY, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO SERVE MANY SRI  
17    LANKANS, AN ESTIMATED 40,000, WHO HAVE SETTLED DOWN IN THE  
18    COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE  
19    ECONOMY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SRI LANKA IS AN ISLAND  
20    IN THE INDIAN OCEAN WITH A NATURAL COASTLINE SURROUNDED BY  
21    BEAUTIFUL BEACHES. SRI LANKA IS ABSOLUTE PARADISE ON THIS  
22    EARTH WITH VIBRANT RAIN FORESTS, WITH RIVERS AND WATERFALLS,  
23    CURIOUS WILD ELEPHANTS AND INSPIRING WORLD HERITAGE SITES.  
24    WITH OUR 3,000 YEAR-OLD ANCIENT CITIES AND COLONIAL FORTS, SRI  
25    LANKA STREETS ECHO THE WISDOM OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF





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1 TRAVELERS AND STORYTELLERS. 2009 MARKED THE END OF THE BRUTAL  
2 REIGN OF TERROR. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT WAS  
3 ELECTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE TO FULFILL THE  
4 EXPECTATIONS OF ACHIEVING NATIONAL UNITY AND RECONCILIATION.  
5 TO GIVE EFFECT TO THIS COMMITMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA  
6 ESTABLISHED THE OFFICE FOR NATIONAL UNITY AND RECONCILIATION,  
7 HEADED BY FORMER PRESIDENT, CHANDRIKA KUMARATUNGA. DURING MY  
8 TENURE OF OFFICE, I INTEND TO FOCUS ON A FEW MATTERS OF  
9 IMPORTANCE, LIKE IMPROVING TRADE AND INVESTMENT BETWEEN THE  
10 WESTERN STATES AND SRI LANKA AND ALSO PROMOTING SRI LANKA AS A  
11 TOURIST DESTINATION, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY  
12 PROGRAM WHICH WOULD CREATE A LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN A  
13 CITY IN CALIFORNIA AND A CITY IN SRI LANKA. THESE PARTNERSHIPS  
14 WILL HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO PERFORM THE WIDEST POSSIBLE  
15 DIVERSITY OF ACTIVITIES OF ANY INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM EMPLOYING  
16 EVERY TYPE OF MUNICIPAL, BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL, EDUCATIONAL  
17 AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE OF PROJECTS. OUR CURRENT GOVERNMENT HAS  
18 TAKEN A NUMBER OF POSITIVE MEASURES TO IMPROVE INVESTOR  
19 CONFIDENCE, STRENGTHEN THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND MAKE SRI  
20 LANKA AN ATTRACTIVE DESTINATION FOR FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT.  
21 LET ME CONCLUDE BY SAYING THAT THERE ARE TREMENDOUS  
22 OPPORTUNITIES OPEN FOR THE TWO NATIONS TO ESTABLISH MUTUAL  
23 ECONOMIC COOPERATION. I EXTEND MY FULLEST SUPPORT IN  
24 DEVELOPING, STRENGTHENING AND ENHANCING THE EXISTING FRIENDLY  
25 BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS, ESPECIALLY



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1 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND MY COUNTRY. I'M GRATEFUL  
2 TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPLEMENT THESE MEASURES AND  
3 RECOGNIZE THAT THEY GO BEYOND MATTERS OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT.  
4 THEY REPRESENT THE DREAMS OF ANCESTORS WHO WOULD ENVISION THIS  
5 DAY POSSIBLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL THE MEMBERS?

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, IT'S MY HONOR TO CALL UP OUR  
10 PARKS AND RECREATIONS STAFF, ONE OF THE PROUDEST INDIVIDUALS  
11 THAT WORK FOR US AND WORK HARD, PARKS AND RECREATION  
12 DEPARTMENT. TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING PARKS AND RECREATION  
13 MONTH AND THEY HAVE PROVIDED I THINK A SENSE OF FAMILY,  
14 LEADERSHIP AND SO MUCH TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR  
15 NUMEROUS YEARS. I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER WAY TO ASK FOR ALL  
16 OF OUR RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATION IN  
17 THE MONTH OF JULY SO THAT WE RECOGNIZE OUR PARKS AND  
18 RECREATION STAFF AND EVERYONE THAT COMES TO ENJOY OUR PARKS.  
19 AND OUR THEME IS: PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER! THAT MAKES A LOT OF  
20 SENSE. AND JOHN WICKER, WHO IS OUR PARKS DIRECTOR, IS HERE  
21 TODAY ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF HIS TEAM. PARKS, AS YOU KNOW, ARE  
22 NEAR AND DEAR TO MANY OF US AND SO IMPORTANT TO OUR LIVES AND  
23 TO OUR RESIDENTS. WE KNOW THAT PARKS OFFER A SENSE OF  
24 COMMUNITY, PLACES WHERE COMMUNITIES CAN COME TOGETHER TO  
25 RECREATE, TO PLAY, TO BE ACTIVE, AND TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO



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1 EXERCISE AND LEAD HEALTHY LIVES. I ENJOY HEARING FROM OUR  
2 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, OUR RESIDENTS, ABOUT HOW MUCH THEY USE OUR  
3 PARKS AND HOW MUCH THEY ENJOY THE WIDE VARIETY OF PARK  
4 PROGRAMS AND THE VITAL ROLE THAT PARKS PLAY EVERY DAY IN THEIR  
5 LIVES, ESPECIALLY WHEN I VISIT SOME OF OUR PARKS AND I KNOW  
6 SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE OUT THERE, AS WELL, THIS SUMMER  
7 VISITING OUR RESIDENTS THAT ARE A PART OF OUR SUMMER LUNCH  
8 PROGRAMS AND TO SEE THEM PARTICIPATE IN SWIMMING LESSONS, TO  
9 SPORTS AND SO MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, SAMBA,  
10 DANCING FOR OUR SENIORS, THINGS THAT MAKE PEOPLE COME ALIVE. A  
11 RECENT STUDY BY OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
12 REPORTED THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL  
13 PROGRAMS CAN HELP COMMUNITY MEMBERS BECOME BETTER AND  
14 PHYSICALLY MORE ACTIVE, THEREBY REDUCING THEIR RISK OF  
15 OBESITY, DIABETES, HEART DISEASE AND EVEN OTHER TYPES OF  
16 CANCER. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, AS YOU KNOW, IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO  
17 OUR MENTAL HEALTH. WE HAVE 179 COUNTY PARKS. AND OUR DEDICATED  
18 PARKS AND RECREATION TEAM WORKS VERY HARD TO ENSURE THAT OUR  
19 PARKS ARE CLEAN, THAT THEY'RE SAFE, AND THAT WE HAVE PROGRAMS  
20 AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE. I URGE ALL OF YOU TO VISIT OUR PARKS  
21 AND JOIN IN THE WIDE VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS. BE SURE  
22 TO SAY HELLO TO THE PARK STAFF BECAUSE THEY KNOW HOW IMPORTANT  
23 IT IS TO BE THERE FOR YOU. WE WANT TO WISH THEM A HAPPY PARKS  
24 AND RECREATION DAY/MONTH/HOUR/SECOND, IT'S ALL ABOUT OUR  
25 COMMUNITIES. AND WE WANT TO THANK THEM SO MUCH. AND JOHN AND



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1 YOUR STAFF, IT'S BEEN REMARKABLE YEAR, YEAR AND A HALF,  
2 WORKING WITH YOU AND GETTING TO KNOW ALL THE WONDERFUL SPOTS  
3 AROUND THE COUNTY, 179. I HAVEN'T BEEN TO ALL OF THEM, BUT I  
4 CAN TELL YOU I'M IMPRESSED. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU,  
5 MR. WICKER. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **JOHN WICKER:** WELL GOOD MORNING TO YOU MADAME CHAIR AND  
8 SUPERVISORS FOR PROCLAIMING JULY AS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH  
9 AND ALSO PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER! MONTH. I'M VERY PROUD TO  
10 ACCEPT THIS RECOGNITION WITH MY TEAM THAT'S WITH ME HERE TODAY  
11 AS WELL AS FOR ALL OF OUR DEDICATED EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS  
12 THAT ARE OUT THERE WORKING IN THE PARKS EACH AND EVERY DAY.  
13 THIS REALLY MEANS A LOT TO US. AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS MENTIONED,  
14 WE HAVE OVER 179 DIFFERENT FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.  
15 WE'VE ALSO GOT OVER 200 MILES OF TRAILS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY  
16 FOR EVERYBODY TO GET HEALTHY, ACTIVE AND FIT. THERE'S A LOT OF  
17 GREAT OPPORTUNITIES. NOW THIS, SUMMER, TOO, FOR THE FIRST  
18 TIME, WE HAVE 21 PARKS AFTER DARK PROGRAMS GOING ON. THERE ARE  
19 SOME IN ALL FIVE OF OUR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS THIS YEAR.  
20 WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THAT. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THAT. AND  
21 BASICALLY, WHAT THE PARKS AFTER DARK PROGRAM IS, IS ON  
22 THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, FROM 6 TO 10 P.M. WE OFFER  
23 EXTENDED PROGRAMMING AT THESE PARKS THAT HAVE THESE ADDITIONAL  
24 PROGRAMS GOING ON. AND SOME OF THE PROGRAMS WE HAVE MOVIE  
25 NIGHTS IN THE PARK. WE'VE GOT COOKING CLASSES FOR PARENTS, BUT



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1 IT'S ACTUALLY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO GET OUT  
2 THERE AND TO GET ACTIVE AND TO GET INVOLVED. SO IT'S REALLY  
3 KIND OF A FAMILY BUILDING TYPE OF AN ACTIVITY. SO THIS REALLY  
4 MEANS A LOT THE TO ALL OF US. PARKS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE  
5 LIVES OF ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS. AND WE'VE HEARD THROUGH SO MANY  
6 OF THOSE PEOPLE THROUGH THE PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT JUST HOW  
7 IMPORTANT PARKS ARE FOR ALL THESE COMMUNITIES. FROM MOMMIES  
8 AND ME, TO TINY TOTS, TO SENIORS AS WELL, PARKS ARE AN  
9 IMPORTANT PART OF OUR LIVES. SO ON BEHALF OF ALL OF OUR  
10 EMPLOYEES, THANK YOU FOR PROCLAIMING JULY AS PARKS AND  
11 RECREATION MONTH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, IT'S MY DISTINCT PRIVILEGE  
14 TO RECOGNIZE TODAY THE COMMISSION, THE L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION  
15 FOR WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP EVENT. THEY DESERVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE,  
16 THEY SURE DO. [APPLAUSE.] SINCE 1999, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
17 COMMISSION FOR WOMEN HAS PROVIDED COLLEGE AND VOCATIONAL  
18 SCHOLARSHIPS TO DESERVING YOUNG WOMEN, GIVING THEM AN  
19 OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIFE AND THEIR  
20 FUTURES. THE COMMISSION HAS AWARDED OVER \$295,000 IN  
21 EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUNG WOMEN THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES  
22 COUNTY. THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WAS THE VISION OF FORMER  
23 COMMISSIONER JANET ELLIOTT MUMY, ESQUIRE, A CHAMPION OF RIGHTS  
24 FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY. TODAY THE BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS IS HONORED TO PRESENT THREE YOUNG LADIES EACH WITH





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1 A \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP IN SUPPORT OF THEIR PURSUIT OF HIGHER  
2 EDUCATION. MISS ALANDRA SERANO IS THE AWARDEE FROM THE THIRD  
3 DISTRICT. ALANDRA IS CURRENTLY PURSUING A DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
4 FROM PIERCE COLLEGE AND PLANS ON TRANSFERRING TO CAL STATE  
5 NORTHRIDGE IN THE FALL OF 2017. MS. SERANO HAS OVERCOME MANY  
6 CHALLENGES AND DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES IN HER LIFE WHILE  
7 PURSUING HER EDUCATION. THIS HAS INSPIRED HER TO ONE DAY WORK  
8 FOR A NONPROFIT AGENCY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND A SUPPORT  
9 SYSTEM TO WOMEN WHO FACE SIMILAR CHALLENGES TO THE ONES THAT  
10 SHE OVERCAME. PLEASE GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]  
11 THE AWARDEE FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT IS MISS JULIE GRASIAN.  
12 JULIE GRADUATED FROM SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL IN JUNE WITH A 4.3  
13 G.P.A. ALL RIGHT. AND WILL BE ATTENDING U.C.L.A. TO STUDY  
14 HUMAN BIOLOGY. MS. GRASIAN EXCELLED IN HIGH LEVEL AND RIGOROUS  
15 COURSES WHILE STILL FINDING TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN TRACK AND  
16 FIELD, CROSS COUNTRY, SOCCER AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT. A BIG  
17 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] AND MISS DOAN YO IS THE AWARDEE  
18 FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT. SHE GRADUATED FROM GABRIELINO HIGH  
19 SCHOOL IN 2015. JUST COMPLETED HER FIRST YEAR AT U.C.L.A.  
20 WHERE SHE'S STUDYING BUSINESS ECONOMICS. AND SHE EXCELLED ALSO  
21 IN SOME OF THE MOST DIFFICULT COURSES WHILE STILL SERVING AS  
22 AN INTERN AT A RESTAURANT IN GARDEN GROVE. ROUND OF APPLAUSE,  
23 YES. [APPLAUSE.] UNFORTUNATELY, THIS MORNING, THE AWARDEE FROM  
24 THE FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICTS, MS. MARIBEL FLORES ,WHO I MET  
25 EARLIER WITH HER TWO CHILDREN BY THE WAY, AND MISS LUCERO



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1 NOYOLA, ALSO FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT, WERE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND  
2 THIS PARTICULAR CEREMONY, BUT WE WANT TO WISH THEM WELL. GIVE  
3 THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. AND MEMBERS PLEASE JOIN US  
4 FOR PICTURES. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE IS RECOGNIZED.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR AND IT'S MY HONOR AND  
9 PRIVILEGE TO RECOGNIZE A PERSON WHO IS A FRIEND OF ALL OF OURS  
10 AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE KIDS IN THIS GREAT COUNTY. AND WE'RE  
11 PROUD TO HAVE MY GOOD FRIEND AND GREAT LEADER OF ONE OF THE  
12 LARGEST SERVICE AGENCIES IN THE NATION THAT SERVES CHILDREN  
13 AND FAMILIES. MARY EMMONS IS WELL KNOWN TO US AS PRESIDENT AND  
14 C.E.O. OF CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE. SADLY, SHE WILL BE RETIRING  
15 THIS YEAR AFTER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE. UNDER MARY'S STEWARDSHIP,  
16 THEY HAVE GROWN TO SERVE MORE THAN 24,000 CHILDREN AND  
17 FAMILIES PER YEAR ACROSS OUR GREAT COUNTY. BUT I THINK IT'S  
18 NOT JUST ABOUT THE ACTUAL SIZE OF THE INSTITUTE. IT'S THE KIND  
19 OF PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES THAT THEY DO THAT ALSO FLOURISHED  
20 UNDER HER LEADERSHIP. THE ONE THAT COMES TO MIND IS PROJECT  
21 FATHERHOOD, WHICH IS A POWERFUL PROGRAM THAT ADDRESSES THE  
22 NEEDS OF FATHERS. THIS HAS HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT NOT ONLY ON  
23 INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES BUT ALSO IT'S BECOME WELL KNOWN AS A  
24 NATIONAL MODEL THAT IS REPLICATED ALL ACROSS OUR COUNTRY. SO  
25 MARY'S HERE TODAY WITH MEMBERS OF HER BOARD AND STAFF AND



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1 FRIENDS. AND SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, MY COLLEAGUES ON THE  
2 BOARD, WE JUST WANT TO EXTEND YOU THE VERY BEST WISHES. MARY  
3 AND I GO BACK, I THINK ABOUT 1982. WE BOTH FEEL YOUNGER THAN  
4 WHEN WE STARTED. SO CONGRATULATIONS MARY EMMONS. JUST A GREAT  
5 LEADER IN OUR COUNTY ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **MARY EMMONS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THOSE  
8 KIND WORDS AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT'S REALLY  
9 AN HONOR TO GET THIS KIND OF RECOGNITION FROM THE L.A. COUNTY  
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SUPERVISOR KNABE IS RIGHT. I'VE BEEN  
11 THROUGH MANY ITERATIONS OF THE BOARD. AND IT HAS BEEN REALLY  
12 AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE FOR THE WORK THE CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE  
13 HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO OVER THE YEARS. WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH  
14 MANY OF THE BOARD OFFICES IN BRINGING NEW PROGRAMS AND NEW  
15 FACILITIES INTO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SERVICE SYSTEM FOR  
16 CHILDREN. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL. I ALSO WANT TO  
17 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ANY RECOGNITION FOR WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED  
18 THROUGH CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE REALLY BELONGS TO OUR INCREDIBLY  
19 TALENTED AND DEDICATED TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS, A FEW OF WHOM  
20 ARE WITH ME TODAY. SO I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM AND THANK  
21 THEM ALL. FOR 35 YEARS OF WHAT I THINK IS A LABOR OF LOVE. AND  
22 I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR RECOGNITION TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
23 [APPLAUSE.]

24



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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LET ME  
2   JUST SIMPLY SAY THIS WELL DESERVED RESPITE IS MARKING A  
3   SIGNIFICANT POINT IN TIME AS IT RELATES TO THE ADVOCACY, FOR  
4   THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. I JUST  
5   HAVE TO SAY IT HAS BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF STELLAR. AND EVEN AS  
6   SHE MOVES TO OTHER LOFTY PURSUITS, SHE LEAVES A LEGACY THAT  
7   WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN. THE COLLABORATION MOST RECENTLY,  
8   SUPERVISOR KNABE, WITH FRANK GARY TO TAKE WHAT WAS THE  
9   SOUTHEAST HEALTH CENTER, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE  
10   COMMUNITY OF WATTS, AND TRANSFORMING THAT TO A STATE-OF-THE-  
11   ART EXCEPTIONAL FACILITY, NOT IN TERMS OF ARCHITECTURE ALONE  
12   BUT IN TERMS OF THE QUALITY OF SERVICES FOR WHICH THEY ARE  
13   WIDELY KNOWN. CAN'T CONCLUDE THESE REMARKS WITHOUT  
14   UNDERSCORING THE FATHERHOOD PROJECT AND FATHER HERSCHEL  
15   SWINGER AND WHAT HE HAS DONE. SO MY HAT IS OFF TO YOU FOR WHAT  
16   YOU HAVE DONE, FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING RIGHT NOW AND WHAT YOU  
17   WILL DO IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE YOUR LEGACY LIVES ON. I THINK  
18   SHE DESERVES ANOTHER BIG, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE [APPLAUSE.]

19

20   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE HAVE A SEVEN YEAR OLD, STELLA.  
23   STELLA, IT'S A LITTLE GIRL. YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610. IT'S A  
24   MALTESE LITTLE GIRL. SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. AND I KNOW  
25   THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE EVEN FROM MONROVIA WHO WOULD LIKE TO



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1 ADOPT HER, I'M SURE, AM I RIGHT? SEVEN YEARS OLD LITTLE BABY?  
2 ANYWAY, SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF OUR  
3 PET ADOPTION PROGRAM IN DECEMBER OF 1995, EVERY PET THAT HAS  
4 BEEN BEFORE THE BOARD HAS BEEN ADOPTED, INCLUDING ONE HORSE.  
5 THE HORSE WAS NOT HERE BUT THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE HORSE WAS  
6 HERE. ANYWAY, SO HOPEFULLY WE WILL CONTINUE THAT TRADITION.  
7 AND WHEN MY TERM ENDS IN DECEMBER, I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES WILL  
8 CONTINUE THIS TRADITION, AS WELL, AND HELP US FIND HOMES FOR  
9 ALL OF THESE LITTLE ANIMALS AT OUR SHELTER. SO, ANYWAY.

10 [APPLAUSE.]

11  
12 **RECORDING:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR  
13 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW  
15 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE  
16 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE  
17 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD  
18 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,  
19 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED  
20 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE  
21 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE  
22 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE  
23 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT  
24 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT  
25 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE





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1 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENTS DOES NOT INCLUDE  
2 THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.  
3 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM  
4 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,  
5 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE  
6 STATEMENTS TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF OR ANY  
7 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF  
8 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND  
9 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY  
10 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT  
11 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE  
12 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR  
13 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR  
14 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,  
15 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.  
16 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE ARE GOING TO CALL UP  
19 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE WANTED TO SPEAK ON ITEMS BEFORE US. BUT  
20 BEFORE WE DO THAT, I HAVE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE READ A  
21 STATEMENT.

22

23 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. OPERATING  
24 WITHIN EXISTING BOARD RULES, TIME FOR PUBLIC INPUT WILL BE  
25 ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS: A SPEAKER IS GIVEN TOTAL OF THREE



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1 MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL ITEMS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN  
2 HELD BY A SUPERVISOR FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR REPORT MATTERS  
3 INCLUDING CLOSED SESSION. FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, THE  
4 THREE ITEMS THAT WERE HELD WILL BE HELD AS ONE ITEM, AND THE  
5 TIME WILL BE PRESENTED AT A LATER TIME.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I DO WANT TO CLARIFY FOR THE  
8 AUDIENCE. WE DID HAVE SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS THAT WANTED TO SPEAK  
9 ON ITEM 2. I HAVE HELD THAT ITEM AS CHAIR SO THAT WE COULD  
10 HAVE A DISCUSSION ON IT. SO PLEASE KNOW THAT. SO I WILL BEGIN  
11 BY CALLING UP THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS. ADAM COHEN, ITEM 3. GED  
12 KENSLEA, ITEM 3. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ITEM 3 AND 17. ERIC  
13 PREVEN, ITEM 1-D, 3-D, 5, 11, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 26, 27,  
14 33 AND 35. SIR, INTRODUCE YOURSELF, PLEASE, GO AHEAD.

15

16 **ADAM COHEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ADAM COHEN. I AM THE DIRECTOR  
18 OF ADVOCACY AND POLICY RESEARCH AT A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE  
19 FOUNDATION. BACK IN APRIL OF 2013, IN RESPONSE TO THE LETHAL  
20 CASES OF MENINGITIS AMONG MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN IN L.A.  
21 COUNTY AND NEW YORK, A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION BEGAN  
22 OFFERING FREE VACCINES AT ITS L.A. COUNTY WELLNESS CENTERS. IN  
23 THE SPAN OF ONE WEEK, A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION PROVIDED  
24 OVER 3300 FREE MENINGITIS VACCINES TO THE L.A. COUNTY  
25 COMMUNITY. TODAY IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE L.A. COUNTY



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1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILL ADDRESS THIS CURRENT OUTBREAK  
2 WITH NIMBLENESS AND AUTHORITY. A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION  
3 WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER FREE MENINGITIS VACCINES AT OUR FOUR  
4 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WELLNESS CENTERS AT HOLLYWOOD, WEST ADAMS,  
5 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND LONG BEACH. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR PUTTING FORWARD A MOTION REQUESTING THAT  
7 THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DRAFT  
8 RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE VACCINATION RATES. I ALSO ASK THAT  
9 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUEST THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO COLLABORATE WITH THE CENTERS  
11 FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO STUDY WHY HALF OF THE 12  
12 CASES THIS YEAR IN L.A. COUNTY OCCURRED AMONG MEN WHO HAVE SEX  
13 WITH MEN. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **GED KENSLEA:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS GED KENSLEA.  
18 I'M THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR FOR A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE  
19 FOUNDATION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY  
20 TO SPEAK AND THE BOARD, AS WELL. FIRST I'D ALSO LIKE TO ECHO  
21 ADAM COHEN'S THANKS TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR INTRODUCING THIS  
22 MOTION ON THE LATEST OUTBREAK OR INCIDENTS OF MENINGITIS THAT  
23 IS HAVING A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN IN  
24 THE COUNTY, AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN. HOWEVER THIS IS NOW  
25 THE THIRD TIME WE'VE EXPERIENCED THIS DEADLY IMPACT OF



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1 MENINGITIS ON M.S.M., WITH TWO DEATHS IN 2013 IN GAY MEN,  
2 INCLUDING THE DEATH OF A STUDENT IN SAN DIEGO. AND BEYOND  
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S MOTION, WE, A.H.F., BELIEVE THAT IT'S TIME  
4 FOR CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT  
5 OF PUBLIC HEALTH. SPECIFICALLY WE'RE ASKING THAT DR. JEFFREY  
6 GUNZENHAUSER AND CYNTHIA HARDING, WHO HAVE BEEN SERVING AS  
7 INTERIM CAPACITIES, STEP DOWN. DESPITE THE FACT THAT PUBLIC  
8 HEALTH OFFICIALS KNEW MANY OF THESE CASES BY THE END OF MAY,  
9 THE FIRST HEALTH ALERT FOR MENINGITIS WAS ISSUED FRIDAY, JUNE  
10 24TH, AFTER GAY PRIDES WERE HELD IN LONG BEACH, WEST HOLLYWOOD  
11 AND ORANGE COUNTY, THE EVENTS WHERE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF  
12 GAY MEN GATHERED. IT HAS BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE DR. JONATHAN  
13 FIELDING STEPPED DOWN AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
14 MEDICINE-- DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT AND CHIEF MEDICAL  
15 OFFICER. A NATIONAL SEARCH IS URGENTLY NEEDED TO FILL THIS  
16 CRITICAL PUBLIC HEALTH POSITION. MENINGITIS IS A KNOWN ENEMY,  
17 BUT ONE THE COUNTY HAS NOT MANAGED WELL. WITH THREATS LIKE  
18 ZIKA, EBOLA AND OTHER EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES POTENTIALLY  
19 ON THE HORIZON IN OUR INCREASINGLY SMALL WORLD, IT IS  
20 IMPERATIVE THAT WE HAVE LEADERSHIP UP TO THE TASK TO MANAGE  
21 THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY.  
22 THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY IS TOO IMPORTANT TO  
23 IGNORE. THANK YOU.  
24



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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, I'LL GRAB HIS MINUTE. IT'S ERIC PREVEN  
2 FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. PREVEN, HOLD ON A SECOND. ARE THERE  
5 OTHER SPEAKERS ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM? I'M SORRY, YOU'LL GET  
6 YOUR FULL-TIME, OF COURSE. ARE THERE OTHER SPEAKERS ON ITEM 3?  
7 OH, OKAY, THANK YOU, BECAUSE I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT IT  
8 AFTERWARDS. SORRY, MR. PREVEN.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS DO I.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** PLEASE START OVER.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD  
15 DISTRICT AND I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THAT MENINGITIS. NOW  
16 I'VE COMPLETELY LOST MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT BUT THAT'S OKAY, I'LL  
17 COME RIGHT BACK TO IT. YEAH. SO ITEM 23, WE'LL START WITH  
18 MAYOR ANTONOVICH'S PARTNERING UP WITH ANNENBERG, WE ARE GOING  
19 TO GET THE ANIMAL CONTROL. I THINK THEY'RE DONATING \$100,000  
20 TO ANIMAL CONTROL. I SAY, LET'S FINALLY DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO,  
21 WHICH IS GET RID OF THOSE RIDICULOUS SCANNERS THAT DON'T  
22 REALLY WORK AND GET SOME DOGS INTO OUR JAIL SYSTEM TO HELP OUT  
23 WITH PREVENTING CONTRABAND. IT'S TIME, SIR. I THINK ANNENBERG  
24 WILL JOIN UP. I'LL EVEN MAKE A PERSONAL CALL IF NECESSARY ON  
25 THAT ONE. ITEM NO. 16 WE'RE UPGRADING THE OFFICE IN





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1 WASHINGTON. IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A GOOD OFFICE FOR LOBBYISTS  
2 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. I WAS JUST WONDERING IF YOU KNOW ABOUT A  
3 GROUP CALLED NATIONAL STRATEGIES L.L.C.? I THINK IT'S A  
4 LOBBYIST GROUP THAT SOMETIMES EMPLOYS BERGOFF, THAT SOMETIMES  
5 WORKS FOR TASER. WE SHOULD BE WATCHING THAT GROUP A LITTLE  
6 CLOSELY AT THIS TIME, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS THAT HAVE TO DO  
7 WITH ITEM 2. I'LL COME BACK ON THAT. ITEM 17 IS AN  
8 EMBARRASSMENT ISSUE , SO WE HAVE TO GET IT OUT OF THE WAY  
9 EARLY, AND MOVE FORWARD TO NICER SPACE. THIS IS THE GRAND  
10 JURY'S LOOK-SEE AT THE CORONER, WHERE SADLY STACKS OF BODIES,  
11 AS WE ALL HEARD A COUPLE MONTHS AGO, WE ARE MAKING STEPS IN  
12 THE DIRECTION OF IMPROVING THAT SITUATION. BUT HONESTLY,  
13 FORENSIC PATHOLOGY IS NOT A RATE WE SHOULD BE NEGOTIATING  
14 WITH. THEY PAY PEOPLE A CERTAIN AMOUNT. WE HAVE TO GET PEOPLE  
15 TO DO THE JOB AND THERE'S ALL THERE IS TO IT. ITEM NO. 5, I  
16 LOOK FORWARD TO MORE OLYMPIC PRESENTATIONS. WE HAVE NOT HAD  
17 ANY AND WE'RE GETTING VERY CLOSE. ITEM NO. 11, MY EYES NARROW  
18 AS IT'S PARKS AND REC .MONTH. I SAW MS. GARCIA AND MR. WICKER  
19 COLLECTING KUDOS TODAY. I MUST TELL YOU, I'M VERY UPSET ABOUT  
20 THE ITEM LAST WEEK IN WHICH WE INCREASED THE AUTHORIZATION ON  
21 A CONSULTANT PANEL FROM 1 MILLION TO 5 MILLION, UP TO POSSIBLY  
22 \$150 MILLION. STAND WITH ME AND SUPERVISOR KNABE AND LET'S  
23 UNDO THAT NONSENSE. IT'S CRAZY. I MEAN, REALLY. ITEM NO. 3-D,  
24 WE NEED TO JUST GIVE A LITTLE SNIFF TO, BECAUSE THESE ARE  
25 PEOPLE HELPING OUT AND PACKAGING UP DONATIONS THAT WE THEN



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1 DISTRIBUTE TO THE FOLKS WHO NEED IT. THEY'RE OUT OF BELL. IT'S  
2 ONLY \$100,000. IT'S CALLED SHELTER PARTNERSHIP, INC. I'D GIVE  
3 IT A QUICK SNIFF. SUPERVISOR SOLIS OBVIOUSLY SUPPORTS IT, BUT  
4 HER SENSE OF WHAT'S FAIR AND NOT NEEDS TO BE OCCASIONALLY  
5 CHECKED JUST BY SANE FOLKS IN THE DISTRICT. ITEM NO. 26 IS  
6 SOMETHING CALLED DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE. NOW WE'VE CONTINUED  
7 THIS ITEM. DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE, AS THOSE KNOW, IS WHERE  
8 FOLKS WHO HAVE A SYSTEMIC PROBLEM KIND OF LOOK THE OTHER WAY,  
9 DON'T DEAL WITH IT. DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE IS A TERRIBLE  
10 CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS. SO I WOULD URGE THIS BOARD TO MOVE  
11 FORWARD AND MAKE A DECISION TO END THIS FAIR AND SQUARE. ITEM  
12 2-D, IT IS FAIR TO SAY TO MAYOR ANTONOVICH, HE'S DEVELOPING  
13 SOME OF HIS TERRITORY NEAR THE PITCHES FACILITY. BUT  
14 REDEVELOPMENT'S ALWAYS GOOD, I GUESS. BUT THIS PROPERTY COULD  
15 BE SPRUCED UP. BUT TO NOT CALL IT THE HONOR RANCH ON THE FACE  
16 OF THE ITEM SENDS A SIGNAL THAT YOU DON'T WANT US TO KNOW THAT  
17 YOU WANT TO CALL IT THE HONOR RANCH. OF COURSE SOME OF US WANT  
18 TO MAKE THE JOKE IT'S THE DISHONOR RANCH AND WE CAN'T DO IT  
19 UNLESS YOU PUT IT ON THE FACE OF THE PAGE, SO PLEASE DO THAT.  
20 ITEM 33, I'M HAPPY TO REPORT, WE ARE BRINGING BRUCAL BACK.  
21 THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CHARACTER WHO IS BEING INVITED BACK ON  
22 180 DAY FOR A SUBSTANTIAL SUM. MADAME CHAIR, YOU WANT TO  
23 POLICE THE TIME OR JUST LET ME RAMBLE ON? I'M HAPPY TO GO.  
24 I'VE GOT SEVERAL ITEMS. I MAY AS WELL JUST TAKE IT. NEVER  
25 BRING UP THAT THEY'RE TRYING--



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.

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4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
5 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM NO. 3, ON THE MENINGOCOCCEMIA,  
6 I AM VERY GLAD YOU BRING THAT TO THEIR ATTENTION. BUT THE  
7 PEOPLE AT RISK ARE NOT NOT ONLY M.S.M., BUT PLACE WE HAVE HUGE  
8 CROWDS LIKE IN COLLEGE AND SO ON. THOSE ARE AREAS WHO WILL  
9 NEED TO BE ALSO ALERTED TO THE POTENTIAL. I THINK THAT IT'S  
10 TIMES THAT MAYBE WE LOOK FOR A PERMANENT HEAD OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
11 AND MENTAL HEALTH AND SO ON. NOTHING IS HAPPENING QUICKLY. AND  
12 I THINK THE INTERIM INDIVIDUALS HAVE DONE A GOOD WORK, BUT I  
13 THINK IT'S ALWAYS BETTER WHEN A DEPARTMENT HAS A FULL-TIME  
14 INDIVIDUAL AT THE HEAD. IT'S MUCH MORE EASY TO MAKE THE RIGHT  
15 DECISION OR THE WRONG DECISION. ON ITEM NUMBER 17, HAVING TO  
16 DO WITH A REPORT FROM THE CIVIL GRAND JURY, YOU KNOW, WE  
17 SHOULDN'T HAVE NEEDED THE GRAND JURY REPORT TO MAKE THE  
18 CORRECTION. AND THE ISSUE ABOUT HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THOSE  
19 STAFF, OF BODIES NOT BEING TAKEN CARE OF OR THE RESEARCH BEING  
20 DONE ON CADAVERS TO ESTABLISH THE REASON OF DEATH, I THINK  
21 IT'S PATHETIC. AND I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE NOT LOST THE HEAD OF  
22 THAT DEPARTMENT BECAUSE HE WAS UNDERPAID AND I BROUGHT THAT  
23 ISSUE TO THE BOARD. I THINK THAT PREVENTS INDIVIDUALS TO  
24 REALLY BRING ISSUES TO THE BOARD, IS THERE GOING TO BE  
25 RETALIATED AGAINST ON IT? SO I THINK YOU SHOULD MOVE WITH



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1 DILIGENCE TO REALLY STAFF THAT DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATELY SO  
2 PEOPLE ARE TAKEN CARE OF. IN THE PAST, SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS  
3 BEEN THE SPOKESPERSON FOR THOSE DEAD PEOPLE WITH NO  
4 RECOGNITION. SO I HOPE SOMEBODY WILL TAKE THE BAG AND DO IT  
5 AFTER HE LEAVES. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HAVE JOSEPH MAIZLISH HELD ITEM 2-D  
8 AND 7 AND HOLLY SCHROEDER HOLDING ITEM 2-D AND 7. ARNOLD  
9 SACHS, ITEM 1-D, 2-D, 1-P, 7, 14. AND THEN WE'LL TURN TO  
10 LANCASTER. GOOD MORNING. JUST PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, MA'AM.

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12 **HOLLY SCHROEDER:** I'M HOLLY SCHROEDER. I AM PRESIDENT AND  
13 C.E.O. OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
14 CORPORATION. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN  
15 FAVOR OF ITEM 7 AND 2-D. THE HONOR RANCH PRESENTS A GREAT  
16 OPPORTUNITY TO ACTIVATE SOME COUNTY PROPERTY TO CREATE A  
17 STATE-OF-THE-ART, SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PARK THAT WILL PROVIDE  
18 THOUSANDS OF JOBS FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. MY ORGANIZATION,  
19 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, IS  
20 DEDICATED TO GROWING HIGH QUALITY JOBS. WE WORK IN PARTNERSHIP  
21 WITH THE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. AND IN THIS  
22 INSTANCE, WE REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH L.A. COUNTY,  
23 THE SHERIFF AND THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO CREATE A SUCCESSFUL  
24 DEVELOPMENT SO WE MEET NOT ONLY THE NEEDS OF-- THE  
25 INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY AND THE SHERIFF, BUT ALSO



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1 ADVANCE THE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB GROWTH  
2 GOALS. SO I ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THE MOTION AND GET THIS  
3 WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY MOVING. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOOD JOB, HOLLY.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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9 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY  
10 NAME IS JOE MAIZLISH. WHAT I'D LIKE TO BRING UP ON THIS LAND  
11 USE IS AN ISSUE OF HOW DO WE TEST THE USES OF LAND GENERALLY,  
12 AS WELL AS SPECIFIC PROJECTS LIKE THIS, SO THAT THEY BEST  
13 CONFORM WITH WHAT ARE THE GREATEST COUNTY NEEDS? LAST OCTOBER,  
14 YOU HAD THE HOUSING HOMELESSNESS ISSUE. AND I REMEMBER  
15 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAYING WE ARE LOSING GROUND. AND  
16 ACTUALLY WHEN YOU FOLKS AUTHORIZE PARTICULAR USES OF  
17 PROPERTIES, I'D LIKE TO HAVE IT DONE IN CONCERT IN MAYBE A  
18 SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT, LIKE WE DO HAVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
19 REPORTS, AND SEE IF THE CONTEMPLATED USE OR THE PROPOSED USE  
20 BY DEVELOPMENT PEOPLE REALLY CONFORMS WITH THE GREATEST NEEDS.  
21 WE TALK A LOT ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. HOMELESSNESS IN PART RESULTS  
22 FROM A HOUSING CRISIS. HOW IS LAND BEING USED? I UNDERSTAND  
23 THAT THESE PROPOSALS HAVE AS ONE OF THE GOALS CREATING A  
24 REVENUE STREAM FOR THE COUNTY. I DON'T BEGRUDGE. I SUPPORT  
25 YOUR RECOGNITION OF NEEDS FOR FINANCING FOR REVENUES. BUT



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1 LET'S NOT HAVE A PARTICULAR DEVELOPMENT ATTRACT THE COUNTY  
2 FROM A STRONGER SOCIAL USE JUST BECAUSE OF THE REVENUE NEEDS.  
3 WE DO HAVE TO FIGHT FOR REVENUE, BUT LET'S BE VERY CAUTIOUS IN  
4 HOW WE ASSIGN THE LAND. IT SHOULDN'T BE BASED JUST ON THE  
5 NEEDS FOR REVENUE. THERE ARE THE SOCIAL ISSUES THAT ARE  
6 INVOLVED WITH EVERY PIECE OF LAND THAT WE RELY ON YOU TO USE  
7 AND TO HAVE PRIVATE SECTOR USE IN THE BEST WAY FOR ALL OF US  
8 IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU. SO A SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT, I  
9 ADVOCATE FOR ALL OF THESE DECISIONS.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. BY  
14 THE WAY, NO BOSTON OLYMPICS. BETTER HOUSING, BETTER SCHOOLS,  
15 SAFER STREETS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR NEW POLICY ON SIGNS IN THE  
16 BOARDROOM, MADAME CHAIR. I, TOO, HELD ITEM 1-P, THE PARKS AND  
17 OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AND I'M SOMEWHAT UPSET ABOUT THAT, TOO.  
18 THE \$30 MILLION CONTRACTS YOU MADE. THIS IS FROM AUGUST 5,  
19 2014, A MOTION BY SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY AND KNABE. AND I'M  
20 GOING TO READ PART OF IT. "ADDITIONALLY, THROUGH THE KEEN  
21 STEWARDSHIP OF ITS PROGRAM, THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE  
22 DISTRICT THAT WAS CREATED TO ADMINISTER PROPOSITION A HAS  
23 GENERATED OVER \$340 MILLION WORTH OF EXCESS FUNDS." AND THEN  
24 IT WAS SOMETHING ELSE ABOUT \$211 MILLION IN FUNDS FROM  
25 PROPOSITION A FROM '92 TO '96. WHAT CAUGHT ME IN THE NEEDS





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1 ASSESSMENT OF LAST WEEK WAS, SOMEBODY MADE A PRESENTATION FROM  
2 THE BOARD, FROM THE COUNTY, ABOUT LEAD PAINT AT PARKS  
3 PROPERTIES. I'M THINKING LEAD PAINT AND PARKS PROPERTY. YOU'D  
4 THINK THAT WOULD BE RIGHT AT THE TOP OF THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT.  
5 AND IT STILL HASN'T BEEN DONE. WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THAT?  
6 WELL, WE GET AN ANSWER FROM THE BOARD, I'M SURE. I ALSO HELD  
7 ITEM 7, 125 ACRES. NOW THIS WAS IN THE NEWSPAPER JULY 7TH.  
8 "HOUSING MACHINE MAY BE NEEDED IF BONDS PASS. L.A. MAY GO ON A  
9 LAND BUYING BINGE." CITY OF LOS ANGELES NEEDS TO BUY PROPERTY  
10 TO BUILD HOUSES. THE COUNTY PROVIDES SERVICES, THE CITY  
11 PROVIDES HOUSING, 125 ACRES. DO YOU SEE A CONNECTION THERE? DO  
12 YOU SEE SOMETHING LIKE A SYNERGY THERE WHERE THE COUNTY GOT  
13 THE PROPERTY AND THE CITY NEEDS THE LAND. NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.  
14 SO MUCH FOR HOMELESSNESS. AND THE OLYMPIC VILLAGES THAT YOU'RE  
15 TALKING ABOUT, THE 10, 11 SITES THAT HAVE BEEN LOOKED AT, NOT  
16 GOING TO HAPPEN THERE, EITHER. SO WHAT IS THE CITY GOING TO  
17 DO? AND WE COULD USE THEIR EXPERIENCE FOR REDEVELOPMENT. HOW  
18 MUCH REDEVELOPMENT PROCESS WAS USED FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING? WE  
19 DON'T EVEN WANT TO GO THERE. I HELD ITEM 14, THE SPECIAL  
20 MEETING MINUTES, SPECIAL MINUTE MEETINGS. WHO KNOWS? AGAIN,  
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ALWAYS IS WONT TO BLAME THE CITY FOR THE  
22 SITUATION AT PORTER RANCH. SO I'M THINKING ABOUT THE GOLD LINE  
23 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY WAY BACK WHEN YOU MADE THE MOTION AT  
24 METRO TO CREATE THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY EVEN  
25 THOUGH THE BLUE LINE ALREADY EXISTED THROUGH STATE LAW.



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1 ANYBODY HERE COULD TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT CONSTRUCTION  
2 AUTHORITIES THAT WOULD BE A BIG HELP. BUT YOU MENTIONED ED  
3 REYES. ED REYES, MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE ZIKA DISEASE ITSELF,  
4 AND YOU'RE GOING TO BRING HIM IN TO DO PARKS WORK? SO, ANYWAY,  
5 MORE TO FOLLOW.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, WE'RE NOW GOING TO GO TO  
8 LANCASTER. DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS HAS HELD ITEM 1 AND C.S.-  
9 3. AND MR. MICHAEL JENKINS HAS HELD ITEM C.S.-3. AND FOR DIANA  
10 BEARD, I'M SORRY, 1-P HAS ALSO BEEN HELD. HELLO?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** COMING RIGHT UP.

13

14 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
15 THIS IS DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS. I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON 1-P  
16 MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE AND HOPEFULLY THINGS WILL COME UP  
17 ALONG THE LINE THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO COMMENT ON OTHER AREAS.  
18 I WANTED TO REITERATE WHAT THE GENTLEMAN JUST SAID BEFORE ME  
19 IN TERMS OF THE CONSULTING CONTRACT THAT WAS PASSED LAST WEEK,  
20 DESPITE THE FACT THAT I TRIED TO GIVE EXAMPLES OF HOW GOING  
21 FROM \$1 MILLION TO \$5 MILLION WAS AN ABOMINATION. I'M  
22 CONCERNED ABOUT 1-P BECAUSE I THINK THAT, ONCE AGAIN, I  
23 UNDERSTOOD THAT KNABE HAD VOTED NO AND I WAS VERY PROUD OF  
24 HIM. ANTONOVICH IS ASKING, THE REST OF YOU, THE OTHER THREE OF  
25 YOU JUST WENT ALONG WITH IT, AS IF WE WERE JUST NODDING THEIR



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1 HEADS AND SAYING, "YES, LET'S GO WITH IT." AND I DON'T THINK  
2 THAT THE OTHER THREE OF YOU HAVE ENOUGH EXPERIENCE, ENOUGH  
3 INSIGHT AND ENOUGH UNDERSTANDING OF MUCH OF WHAT THE WOMAN  
4 SAID TO YOU IS GIBBERISH. AND IF I WAS THERE AND I COULD HAVE  
5 SPOKEN TO HER ONE-ON-ONE IN TERMS OF THE RESPONSES THAT SHE  
6 GAVE SUPERVISOR KNABE, I ASSURE YOU I WOULD HAVE PUT HER UNDER  
7 THE TABLE AND UNDER THE FLOOR BECAUSE I HAVE HEARD THAT OVER  
8 AND OVER AGAIN, AND I'M REALLY ASHAMED THAT YOU DID APPROVE  
9 IT. AND I THINK THAT THE GENTLEMAN WHO SPOKE BEFORE ME SAYS  
10 THAT IF WE LOOK AT ALL THE OTHER THINGS WE'RE SPENDING MONEY  
11 ON, FOR THE THREE OF YOU TO JUST HAPPEN TO SIT BACK, MARK  
12 THUMBING HIS TIE, SHEILA KUEHL, WHO I USED TO HAVE SUCH GREAT  
13 RESPECT FOR JUST AGREE WITH IT, AND YOU BEING POKER FACED,  
14 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND AGREEING WITH IT, AND NOT LISTENING TO  
15 THE VERY INTENSE, SIGNIFICANT, PROVOCATIVE QUESTIONS OF DON  
16 KNABE. YOU APPROVED SOMETHING THAT CERTAINLY PUT MANY HANDS IN  
17 THE COOKIE JAR. I THINK THAT'S SHAMEFUL. THE OTHER AREAS THAT  
18 I WANT TO SPEAK ON ARE IN GREAT DETAIL, ARE IN GREAT DEPTH AND  
19 I WILL BE SPEAKING ON THEM AT A LATER DATE BECAUSE I THINK  
20 THAT AS I START TO WRITE COLUMNS AGAIN ONCE AGAIN FOR  
21 NEWSPAPERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, LARGE NEWSPAPERS, I WANT TO BE  
22 ABLE TO SAY THAT I DID GO THROUGH THE PROCESS. I DID GO TO THE  
23 L.A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I DID INFORM YOU OF ALL OF THESE  
24 THINGS AND NO ONE, NO ONE TOOK THE INSIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, HAVE  
25 INSIGHT, LOOK INTO THEM. AND I THINK IT'S SHAMEFUL AND IT'S



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1 BEEN GOING ON FOR BETWEEN 20 AND 30 YEARS. SO THANK YOU,  
2 SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR THE VOTE YOU MADE LAST WEEK BECAUSE I  
3 THINK THAT IT SHOWED THE INTELLIGENCE AND THE DEPTH OF YOUR  
4 INSIGHT OF THE GIBBERISH THAT YOU WERE TOLD IN TERMS OF  
5 ANSWERS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES-- OH,  
8 SUPERVISOR YES, KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WANTED TO  
9 SPEAK ON ITEM 3.

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11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I WANTED TO ASK IF DIRECTOR HARDING WAS  
12 HERE.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BOTH THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER AND THE  
15 PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR.

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17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR YOU BECAUSE  
18 OF COURSE WE'VE HAD LOTS OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THIS,  
19 WHICH IS THE REASON I BROUGHT THE ITEM TODAY TO CONTINUE TO  
20 WORK WITH PUBLIC HEALTH. BUT SINCE 2014, PUBLIC HEALTH HAS  
21 BEEN WORKING TO GET PEOPLE VACCINATED. YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD A  
22 NUMBER OF ISSUES WITH VACCINATIONS ACROSS-THE-BOARD. AND I  
23 SIMPLY WANTED TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT AND THE POSITIVE ASPECT OF  
24 OUR WORK TOGETHER. I THINK ONCE THE STATE IDENTIFIED THE FOUR  
25 CASES THIS YEAR WHICH THEY CALLED AN OUTBREAK, WHICH IS A



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1 LITTLE LOWER THRESHOLD THAN USUAL, I BELIEVE THAT THE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DID WELL IN RESPONDING. I THINK  
3 A.H.F. IS CORRECT. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, I BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT  
4 WAS SLOW IN RESPONDING. MY COMMUNITY WAS EXTREMELY UPSET. BUT  
5 IN THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE, I BELIEVE THAT YOU'VE ACTED WELL AND  
6 RESPONSIVELY. I SIMPLY WANTED TO SAY SO.

7

8 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I WANTED TO THANK YOU  
9 FOR YOUR COMMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGE THEM AND TO REITERATE WE  
10 APPRECIATE YOUR MOTION AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO REPORTING BACK  
11 TO YOU ON ALL THE WORK WE'RE CURRENTLY DOING AND WILL BE  
12 DOLING IN THE FUTURE. WE BELIEVE THAT A.H.F. AND THE COUNTY,  
13 WE HAVE SOME OF THE SAME GOALS IN MIND HERE, WHICH IS TO  
14 VACCINATE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
15 WORKING WITH THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY ON THIS ISSUE.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I JUST WANT TO WEIGH IN, IN SUPPORT OF THE  
18 MOTION THAT IS BEFORE US. THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS ARE  
19 CLEAR. THIS IS WHY SUPERVISOR KUEHL BROUGHT IT FORWARD FOR THE  
20 BOARD TO GIVE DIRECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT TO ENGAGE  
21 APPROPRIATELY. IT SEEMS TO ME THE DEPARTMENT IS ALREADY  
22 ATTENTIVE TO THE ISSUE AND PREPARED TO ADDRESS IT IN THE WAY  
23 THAT TRAINED PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO PUBLIC HEALTH  
24 AND PUBLIC SERVICE WOULD BE INCLINED TO DO. TO THE EXTENT THAT  
25 THE OPPORTUNITY WAS SEIZED UPON TO TAKE YET ANOTHER SHOT AT



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1 PUBLIC HEALTH, LET ME JUST SIMPLY RAISE MY VOICE TO SUGGEST  
2 THAT THAT IS HARDLY ANYTHING THAT I AM PREPARED TO ENTERTAIN  
3 IN TERMS OF AN ATTACK ON THE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE DIRECTOR  
4 AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
5 IN MY VIEW, YOU ARE DOING YOUR JOB COMPETENTLY, IN GOOD STEAD  
6 MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD AND THEY CAN SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. ANY  
7 ATTACK ON THE PART OF A.H.F. TO THAT EFFECT WILL BE DISMISSED  
8 OUT OF HAND BECAUSE IT IS UNWARRANTED. MADAME CHAIR?

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS?

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12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR ON AGENDA ITEM NO. 7,  
13 THERE'S AN AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR  
14 HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND IF NECESSARY CREATE A FUNDING  
15 AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY TO ACCEPT THE UP TO \$455,000.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.  
20 ITEM 1-D, 2-D, 3-D, 1-P, 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21,  
21 23, 26, 33, AND 35.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY  
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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1   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AND MADAME CHAIR, THERE IS A  
2   REQUEST FROM COUNTY COUNSEL TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION.

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4   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THESE ITEMS-- WE WILL DISPENSE WITH  
5   THE ITEMS ON CONSENT CALENDAR, IS THAT CORRECT?

6

7   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, MA'AM, ITEMS C.S.-1, C.S.-2,  
8   AND C.S.-3.

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10   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO REQUEST A ROLL CALL.

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12   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** OKAY, THIS IS A ROLL CALL VOTE ON  
13   ADJOURNING AND CONVENING INTO CLOSED SESSION. CONVENING INTO  
14   CLOSED SESSION.

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16   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, HOLD A MINUTE. LET'S RECOGNIZE  
17   SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL.

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19   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE ISSUE IS THAT WE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION  
20   FROM COUNSEL LATE LAST EVENING PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BEFORE  
21   US. WE HAVE NOT BEEN BRIEFED. IT SEEMS TO ME, BEFORE GOING  
22   FORWARD, THAT WOULD BE HIGHLY ADVISABLE. THEREFORE, I SIMPLY  
23   THINK THAT THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNTY COUNSEL'S REQUEST THAT  
24   WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, MADAME CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.



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1 SHOULD IT REQUIRE A VOTE, I'M PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST  
2 OF COUNSEL TO DO SO.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** GENERALLY, OF COURSE, I WOULD SAY YES, BUT  
7 I THINK IN THIS CASE SO MANY PEOPLE ARE HERE ABOUT THE ISSUE  
8 OF HOW WE'RE THINKING ABOUT FUNDING, OR TRYING TO, SERVICES  
9 FOR OUR HOMELESS INITIATIVE. AND I THINK-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
10 THE ISSUE WOULD BE FOR CLOSED SESSION BECAUSE AS I UNDERSTAND  
11 IT, COUNSEL HAS QUITE A POWERPOINT TO PRESENT TO US ON THESE  
12 DIFFERENT ISSUES. MY OWN FEELING, I LOVE CLOSED SESSION. WE  
13 GET TO ACTUALLY TALK TO EACH OTHER ABOUT STUFF. BUT IN THIS  
14 CASE, MY FEELING IS I THINK I WOULD NOT SEE THE NECESSITY TO  
15 GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR SUCH A BRIEFING AND LET US JUST  
16 HEAR INFORMATION IN PUBLIC. BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW MY  
17 COLLEAGUES-- I THINK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD PREFER THE  
18 BRIEFING. I THINK WE SHOULD CONTINUE IN OPEN SESSION.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD CONCUR. I FEEL THAT WE HAD A  
21 BRIEFING WITH YOUR STAFF, AND I DID LOOK OVER THE MATERIALS  
22 THAT WE DID GET. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE HAVE SO  
23 MANY PEOPLE HERE PRESENT TODAY, THERE WILL BE A LOT OF  
24 QUESTIONS THAT WE CAN ASK. SO I JUST HAVE A CONCERN THAT SO



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1 MANY PEOPLE ARE HERE AND THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN WE'RE NOW DOING  
2 SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THE ONLY CONCERN IS THAT WE HAVE A  
5 CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION ABOUT  
6 WHICH WE PRESUMABLY CAN'T ASK QUESTIONS AND ON WHICH WE HAVE  
7 NOT BEEN BRIEFED BECAUSE IT WAS RELEASED LATE YESTERDAY  
8 EVENING. THUS, THE WISDOM OF SAYING WE SHOULD THEN HAVE AN  
9 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THE CONVERSATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. IF  
10 THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD THINKS OTHERWISE, MADAME CHAIR, I'M  
11 CLEARLY COMFORTABLE WITH THE CONSIDERATION THAT THE MAJORITY  
12 RULES, UNLESS THE MAJORITY VIOLATES THE RIGHTS OF THE  
13 MINORITY. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT'S AT STAKE HERE.  
14 THEREFORE, IF THERE'S A DESIRE TO VOTE ON IT, I'M PREPARED TO  
15 VOTE AYE.

16

17 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE ITEM'S BEFORE YOU, MADAME  
18 CHAIR. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM COUNTY  
19 COUNSEL TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
20 THOMAS?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

23

24 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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1 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: NO.

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3 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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5 SUP. KNABE: AYE.

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7 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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9 SUP. ANTONOVICH: AYE.

10

11 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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13 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: NO.

14

15 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: THE MOTION CARRIES 3-2.

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17 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY. WE WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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19 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT

20 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF

21 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM

22 NO.S C.S.-1 AND C.S.-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

23 REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, AND ITEM NO. C.S.-3, DEPARTMENT

24 HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED

25 AGENDA.



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**SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, WE'D LIKE TO RECONVENE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM NO. 2, WHICH I HELD. THIS IS REGARDING BODY CAMERAS. AND AFTERWARDS WE'LL HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC. BUT I ASKED MAX HUNTSMAN, WHO IS OUR INSPECTOR O.I.G. TO PLEASE GIVE US A BRIEF SUMMARY OF WHERE WE ARE AND HOW WE GOT HERE.

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**MAX HUNTSMAN:** THANK YOU, MAYOR-- OR CHAIR.

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**SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CHAIR.

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**MAX HUNTSMAN:** SORRY. OLD HABITS. AND SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE. THIS I BELIEVE IS A CRITICAL ISSUE. I KNOW THE BOARD'S, ONE OF YOUR FOUR PRIORITIES FOR BUDGET IS SHERIFF'S REFORM. MONEY'S TIGHT, BUT I THINK THIS IS AN ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL AREA. WITHIN SHERIFF'S REFORM, NOW THAT I'VE HAD 2-1/2 YEARS ON THE JOB AND SIX MONTHS OF THAT WITH COMPLETE ACCESS, I HAVE A STRONG OPINION THAT SUPERVISING OUR DEPUTIES IS THE KEY TO PROPERLY GETTING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO FUNCTION THE WAY WE'D ALL LIKE IT TO FUNCTION. AND THAT INCLUDES A WIDE RANGE OF THINGS FROM

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1    HIRING ALL THE WAY THROUGH SOMETIMES DISCIPLINE. ONE IMPORTANT  
2    FUNCTION OF THAT IS BODY CAMERAS. AND WHAT BODY CAMERAS WILL  
3    ALLOW US TO DO IS TO ALWAYS BE PRESENT OUT IN THE FIELD WHEN  
4    OUR DEPUTIES ARE COMING INTO CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC. THAT  
5    ALLOWS THEIR SUPERVISORS TO TRAIN THEM WELL BEFORE THERE ARE  
6    PROBLEMS, TO WORK WITH THEM. IT ALLOWS THEM TO BE CONFIDENT  
7    THAT THEY HAVE A RECORD OF THEIR INTERACTION SO THAT IF  
8    THEY'RE FALSELY ACCUSED, THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW THAT THEY  
9    BEHAVED PROPERLY. AND THEN ALSO IT ALLOWS US TO HAVE A RECORD  
10   IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE BAD THINGS HAPPEN AND THINGS GO WRONG  
11   OR THE WAY THEY HAVE TO GO. BUT UNFORTUNATELY THEN THE PUBLIC  
12   CAN HAVE THAT VIDEO AVAILABLE. NOW OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE A LOT  
13   OF POLICY DECISIONS ABOUT DOES THE INDIVIDUAL GO OUT TO THE  
14   PUBLIC IMMEDIATELY? DO THE OFFICERS LOOK AT IT? I AM OF THE  
15   OPINION THAT REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU DECIDE THOSE POLICY  
16   OPINIONS-- POLICY DECISIONS, BODY-WORN CAMERAS ARE AN  
17   ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL PIECE OF SHERIFF'S REFORM AT THIS TIME  
18   TODAY. THAT EVEN IF YOU MADE THE MOST RESTRICTIVE DECISIONS IN  
19   THAT REGARD, YOU'D STILL BE BETTER OFF WITH BODY CAMERAS IN  
20   TERMS OF TRANSPARENCY. HOWEVER, OUR SHERIFF HAS MADE A LOT OF  
21   DECISIONS MAYBE THAT ARE NOT FINAL, BUT INDICATED THAT HE HAS  
22   SOME VERY PROGRESSIVE IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE BODY CAMERA  
23   FOOTAGE. AND I THINK THAT'S GREAT. AND WE SHOULD SUPPORT HIM  
24   IN THAT. SO I'D LIKE TO SEE THE BODY CAMERA GO FORWARD. I  
25   REALIZE IT'S A LARGE CHUNK OF MONEY AND YOU HAVE A LOT OF





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1 THINGS TO SPEND MONEY ON. BUT MY PERSONAL ADVICE TO THE BOARD  
2 IS THAT THIS IS THE FIRST PLACE, IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO REFORM  
3 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ALMOST KIND OF CLOSE TO INTERNAL  
4 AFFAIRS AND THE FUNCTIONING OF THE DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM, WHICH  
5 NEEDS WORK, AS WELL, BUT THIS ONE HAS THE CHANCE TO TRANSFORM  
6 BECAUSE ONCE THIS FOOTAGE IS AVAILABLE, IT'S GOING TO CAUSE, I  
7 BELIEVE, MORE CONVICTIONS IN APPROPRIATE INSTANCES, MORE  
8 DECISIONS EARLY WHEN THE COUNTY HAS LIABILITY, REDUCE  
9 LIABILITY AND THE CHANCE TO REALLY PROPERLY SUPERVISE OUR  
10 DEPUTIES. SO I THINK IT'S A WIN/WIN ALL AROUND ONCE IT'S IN  
11 PLACE. SO I'M 110 PERCENT IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BEFORE I RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KUEHL,  
14 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS. THIS IS SOMETHING  
15 THAT I KNOW WHEN WE STARTED ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO ON THE  
16 BOARD, THIS WAS A BIG PRIORITY FOR A LOT OF US ON THE BOARD  
17 AND I KNOW THAT IT'S TAKEN TIME. AND I KNOW THE PUBLIC HAS  
18 BEEN WAITING ON THIS. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU, YOUR  
19 STAFF, AS WELL AS OUR SHERIFF WHO IS ALSO MOVING THE RIGHT  
20 DIRECTION. THIS IS GOING TO HELP HEAL A LOT OF TENSION THAT IS  
21 PERSISTING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. BUT I THINK IF LOS ANGELES  
22 CAN LEAD, THE COUNTY CAN LEAD, I THINK THAT SETS A GOOD  
23 PRECEDENT FOR ALL OF US. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
24 KUEHL FOR WORKING WITH US ON THIS. AND I WITH HER AND OUR  
25 STAFFS, AND THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE IT'S REALLY THE COMMUNITY



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1 THAT I THINK HAS BROUGHT THIS ATTENTION, THIS VERY IMPORTANT  
2 ISSUE TO OUR ATTENTION. AND NOW'S THE TIME TO ACT. SO I WANT  
3 TO THANK YOU. BUT I ALSO WANT TO JUST COMMENT ON A REPORT THAT  
4 I KNOW WE HAD TALKED ABOUT LAST YEAR THAT WE BROUGHT UP. AND  
5 IT WAS A STUDY THAT WAS HELD IN RIALTO, CALIFORNIA. WHERE THEY  
6 ACTUALLY, THE POLICE WERE THERE USED RANDOMIZED CONTROL STUDY  
7 OF THE BODY CAMERAS. SO THEY HAD A GROUP OF OFFICERS THAT HAD  
8 CAMERAS AND ANOTHER GROUP THAT DIDN'T. WHAT THEY FOUND OUT AT  
9 THE END OF THEIR EXAMINATION IS THAT THOSE THAT HAD THE  
10 CAMERAS, YOU COULD SEE A DRAMATICALLY-- DIFFERENCE IN BEHAVIOR  
11 AND ATTITUDES AND THERE WAS ALSO REDUCTION IN FORCE. THOSE  
12 THAT DIDN'T HAVE THE CAMERAS, OBVIOUSLY, THERE WERE SOME  
13 ISSUES THERE. FOR WHATEVER REASON, IT SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED IN  
14 THAT ONE CASE STUDY. I'M GLAD WE'RE MOVING NOW AT THIS POINT,  
15 AND THAT THE SHERIFF IS WORKING WITH US AND WITH YOU AND WITH  
16 THE PUBLIC. AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT I THINK ALSO TO GIVE  
17 INFORMATION BACK TO THE SHERIFFS, TO THE DEPUTIES THEMSELVES,  
18 SO THAT WE ALL LEARN FROM THIS. I DON'T SEE IT AS A PUNITIVE  
19 MATTER. I SEE ONE THAT IT'S THE REALITY OF WHAT WE LIVE IN  
20 TODAY AND WHAT WE'RE FACING RIGHT NOW. THE PRESIDENT RIGHT NOW  
21 IS ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE IN DALLAS. WE'RE SEEING THINGS ALL  
22 OVER THAT ARE OCCURRING. I THINK THE MORE TRANSPARENCY WE  
23 HAVE, THE BETTER OFF OUR SOCIETY WILL BE. SO I JUST WANT TO  
24 SAY THAT AND THANK THE BOARD. AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, CONGRATS.

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1    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I THINK THIS COMES  
2    AT A FORTUNATE AND VERY IMPORTANT TIME WHEN PEOPLE ARE VERY  
3    CONCERNED ABOUT TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, PUBLIC  
4    CONFIDENCE IN OUR POLICE FORCES. AND I, TOO, WANT TO THANK  
5    YOU, MAX, AND TO THANK OUR SHERIFF AND HIS DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE  
6    AS YOU KNOW, IN SEPTEMBER 2014, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
7    STARTED A VOLUNTEER PILOT PROGRAM TO TEST BODY CAMS IN FOUR  
8    AREAS IN THE COUNTY. AND ALSO NOW ALLOWS DEPUTIES WHO WANT TO,  
9    TO USE PRIVATELY PURCHASED BODY-WORN CAMERAS. SO THERE WAS  
10   ALREADY BEGINNING TO BE A KIND OF MOVEMENT ABOUT IT WITH AN  
11   INTERESTING RECOGNITION THAT IN SO MANY CASES, IT PROTECTS  
12   THOSE WHO HAVE INTERACTION WITH PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS. BUT IN  
13   MANY WAYS IT ALSO CAN PROTECT THOSE OFFICERS BY SHOWING WHAT  
14   ACTUALLY HAPPENED. IT'S ALSO A GOOD LEARNING TOOL, GOOD IN  
15   EVERY WAY, I THINK. SO WE WANT TO TAKE EVERY STEP WE CAN TO  
16   PROPERLY SUPERVISE AS WELL AS EQUIP LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH THE  
17   TOOLS FOR QUALITY, TRANSPARENT AND REALLY THE KIND OF POLICING  
18   THAT WE WANT THAT'S ACCOUNTABLE, AS WELL, TO THE PUBLIC. SO  
19   THERE ARE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS STILL TO BE ANSWERED. WE WANT  
20   TO INVOLVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE D.A., THE DEFENSE  
21   ATTORNEYS WHEN CAMERAS WILL BE ON, IF THEY WILL BE OFF, WHO  
22   CAN REVIEW A VIDEO, WHETHER IT'S PRIOR TO OR AFTER. SO THAT'S  
23   WHY WE WANT TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PLANS WILL BE. I  
24   KNOW THE SHERIFF'S CONCERNED ABOUT FUNDING. WE'LL HAVE THIS  
25   CONVERSATION WITH HIM. ALSO VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE AMENDMENT



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1 THAT MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, IS OFFERING ABOUT  
2 DATA STORAGE, WHICH IS ALSO A VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT. SO THANK  
3 YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR THOMAS, RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, BODY-WORN  
8 CAMERAS PROVIDE KEY BENEFITS, INCLUDING BETTER EVIDENCE  
9 DOCUMENTATION AND INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY.  
10 IT SEEMS TO ME, IT'S ABUNDANTLY CLEAR FROM RECENT INCIDENTS IN  
11 BOTH BATON ROUGE AS WELL AS ST. PAUL IN PARTICULAR, THAT THIS  
12 BECOMES RATHER IMPORTANT TO GIVE APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO  
13 THE AUTHOR AND THE CO-AUTHOR FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I WANT  
14 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, IN ENHANCING  
15 THE CONVERSATION AND ELEVATING THIS IN THE INTEREST OF THE  
16 PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE KEY IS THAT WE ROLL  
17 THIS OUT NOT JUST WITH EXPEDIENCY BUT ALSO THE DUE DILIGENCE  
18 AND THOUGHTFUL PLAN TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS TECHNOLOGY.  
19 AFTER ALL, WE ARE ESSENTIALLY DISCUSSING TECHNOLOGY.  
20 ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, TECHNOLOGY. THE VIDEO CAPTURING  
21 TECHNOLOGY READILY IS AVAILABLE OFF THE SHELF TO RECORD AND  
22 TRANSMIT VIDEOS THROUGH WIRED AND WIRELESS CONNECTIONS. VIDEOS  
23 FROM BODY-WORN CAMERAS IS ONE FORM OF DIGITAL EVIDENCE. OTHER  
24 FORMS INCLUDE A RANGE OF THINGS: CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION,  
25 VIDEOS, DIGITAL CONTENT, ET CETERA. THERE'S A LOT GOING ON



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1    HERE, THEREFORE, WE NEED TO BE PRUDENT. THE REAL CHALLENGE IS  
2    HOW WE-- HOW AND WHERE DO WE STORE, ORGANIZE, MANAGE AND SHARE  
3    THIS CONTENT TO ENSURE OPTIMAL CONTENT SECURITY, PRIVACY AND  
4    ALLOW FOR, SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY, INTERDEPARTMENTAL  
5    ACCESSIBILITY? WE HAVE TO HAVE ALL OF THAT IN THE 21ST  
6    CENTURY, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF YEAR AFTER YEAR OVER THE  
7    LAST SEVERAL YEARS OF CONTROVERSIAL OFFICER-INVOLVED  
8    SHOOTINGS. THE POINT IS,- WE SEEK TO GET TO THE TRUTH AND THE  
9    JUSTICE. AND THESE TOOLS HELP US. SO ANOTHER CRITICAL ELEMENT  
10   IS HOW THE COUNTY ROLLS THIS OUT. AND THAT'S HOW THE AMENDMENT  
11   THAT I BROUGHT FORWARD THAT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE AUTHOR,  
12   MY APPRECIATION, MAKES A DIFFERENCE. HOW WE FOCUS ON STARTING  
13   WITH AREAS WHERE THE NEED MAY BE GREATEST, INCLUDING HIGH  
14   LEVELS OF USE-OF-FORCE FREQUENCY OF ENGAGEMENT WITH THE  
15   MENTALLY ILL AND OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS. IT SEEMS TO ME  
16   WOULD BE INTUITIVE TO TRY TO TARGET THAT FROM A PREVENTIVE  
17   PERSPECTIVE BASED ON THE HISTORICAL RECORD. AND LASTLY, THE  
18   IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT'S DEVELOPED, IT'S IMPORTANT TO DO  
19   WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THE CAMERAS REACH THEIR FULL  
20   POTENTIAL. THIS UNDERSCORES THAT BODY-WORN CAMERAS AS A POLICY  
21   SOLUTION FOR DEPLOYMENT AND PATROL WILL ONLY BE AS GOOD AS THE  
22   TECHNOLOGY UTILIZED AND TRAINING IN PLACE TO MANAGE AND  
23   OVERSEE. DON'T BUY ANY JUNK. GET THE BEST STUFF, SO THAT WE  
24   CAN BE PRUDENT ABOUT THE USE OF TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS AND  
25   TECHNOLOGY THAT ENDS UP BEING VERY, VERY TRICKY. WE WANT TO DO



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1 IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME OUT TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN. THE  
2 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE COMMUNITIES  
3 TOUCHES ALL ASPECT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. IT'S FUNDAMENTAL TO ANY  
4 SOCIETY THAT VALUES THE RULE OF LAW. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS  
5 IS A WAY TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. AND THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT  
6 COMMISSION WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN AT THE  
7 APPROPRIATE TIME, AS WELL. MADAME CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR THE  
8 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THANK YOU  
9 FOR OFFERING THE MOTION. MR. HUNTSMAN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
10 WORK.

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12 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE ALSO WANT TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR  
15 ANTONOVICH AND KNABE.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE BODY CAMERAS, ONCE AGAIN, THEY DO  
18 INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE ABILITY THAT THE PUBLIC  
19 HAS FOR TRANSPARENCY, KNOWING WHAT IS HAPPENING. THIS PROTECTS  
20 THE OFFICER, IT PROTECTS THE PUBLIC. I KNOW THE SHERIFF HAS  
21 CONCERNS RELATIVE TO THE STORAGE. HOW DO WE SHARE THE  
22 INFORMATION THAT WE GATHER? ALL OF THOSE LEGAL DEFINITIONS. SO  
23 I SUPPORT THE SHERIFF IN HIS EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A  
24 SYSTEM THAT IS GOING TO BE FOOLPROOF, WILL NOT LEAD TO FUTURE  
25 LITIGATION BUT BE TRANSPARENT TO THE PUBLIC SO WE HAVE THE





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1 ACCOUNTABILITY THAT IS NEEDED, WHICH THE BODY CAMERAS WILL  
2 PROVIDE.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I THINK MOST EVERYTHING'S BEEN SAID. I THINK  
7 THAT OBVIOUSLY AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE'RE DOING IT IN A VERY  
8 THOUGHTFUL WAY, IN A RIGHT WAY, TO MAKE SURE WE GET THE RIGHT  
9 KINDS OF PRODUCTS, BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN A SORT OF ONE SIDED  
10 PRESENTATION ON MAKING EVERYONE GUILTY. I THINK THIS ALSO  
11 HELPS THE OFFICERS WHO ARE OUT THERE EVERY DAY TO HELP  
12 EXONERATE THEM IN VARIOUS SITUATIONS BECAUSE IT'S VERY EASY  
13 OUT THERE RIGHT NOW TO SAY EXCESSIVE FORCE OR WHATEVER IT MAY  
14 BE ON EVERY SINGLE CASE. AND I THINK GIVEN THE RIGHT  
15 CONDITIONS AND PARAMETERS AS WE ESTABLISH THIS WHOLE PROCESS  
16 WILL NOT ONLY WEED OUT ANY POTENTIAL BAD EGGS BUT ALSO HELP  
17 THE DEPUTY ON THE STREET FEELING RESPONSIBLE ENOUGH TO DEAL  
18 WITH THIS SITUATION. BECAUSE THE CONCERN YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW IS  
19 SORT OF MOVING BACK AND NOT DOING ANYTHING BECAUSE OF THE  
20 TENTATIVE NATURE OF WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH OUT THERE RIGHT  
21 NOW. HOPEFULLY THIS ALL COMES TOGETHER IN THE RIGHT WAY AND  
22 THE SHERIFF GETS HIS ISSUES ADDRESSED. A.L.A.D.S. GET THEIR  
23 ISSUES ADDRESSED AND THE PUBLIC GETS THEIR ISSUES ADDRESSED,  
24 AND I THINK IN A VERY THOUGHTFUL PROCESS, WE CAN MAKE THIS  
25 WORK.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

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4 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** I WAS GOING TO ECHO WHAT BOTH CHAIR SOLIS AND  
5 SUPERVISOR KNABE TALKED ABOUT. THERE HAVE BEEN STUDIES-- AND  
6 THEY'RE NOT UNIVERSAL. IT DEPENDS ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND  
7 WHATNOT. BUT THE USE OF THE BODY CAMERA OFTEN CAUSES THE  
8 PEOPLE, THE PUBLIC TO BEHAVE IN A MUCH LESS AGGRESSIVE WAY.  
9 IT'S OFTEN VERY COMFORTING FOR THE OFFICERS. OFFICERS WHO  
10 START TO WEAR THEM, PARTICULARLY YOUNGER OFFICERS TEND TO  
11 ADOPT THEM VERY ENTHUSIASTICALLY AS A PROTECTIVE DEVICE FOR  
12 THEM, DEFUSING SITUATIONS, AS WELL AS GIVING THEM PROTECTION.  
13 SO IT'S ABSOLUTELY THE CASE THAT I THINK THIS IS A WIN/WIN  
14 PROPOSAL. AND THEN ON TOP OF THAT, HAVING BEEN A D.A. BEFORE,  
15 I CAN TELL YOU, HAVING VIDEO OF WHAT'S HAPPENED ON THE STREET  
16 IS GOLD IN COURT. AND SO IF WE CAN MAKE THIS WORK AND IN A WAY  
17 THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAYS, IN A GLOBAL SENSE, THAT WE  
18 INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF DIGITAL EVIDENCE TO OUR VARIOUS  
19 COUNTY LEGAL PARTNERS, IT REALLY WILL BE A GAME CHANGER ON A  
20 LOT OF FRONTS, NOT JUST AN OVERSIGHT.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ESPECIALLY VIDEO AND AUDIO THAT WE ARE  
25 SEEKING TO GET HERE.



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2 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** ALWAYS PREFERABLE. ABSOLUTELY.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE HAVE SEVERAL SPEAKERS  
5 THAT WANT TO COME AND ADDRESS THIS BOARD ON THIS ITEM, SO I  
6 WILL EXCUSE MR. HUNTSMAN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. WE  
7 HAVE ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. AND THEN  
8 WE'LL GO TO LANCASTER.

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10 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME.  
11 IN 2011 OR 2012 THERE WAS AN ARTICLE ABOUT TASER INTERNATIONAL  
12 AND SOME GUY WAS QUOTED AS SAYING BODY CAMERAS MAKE EVERYBODY,  
13 THE CITIZENS AND THE POLICE OFFICERS BETTER CITIZENS. AND THEY  
14 DO A BETTER JOB. AND THEY FEEL THAT THERE'S A SENSE. SO IT'S  
15 GOOD WE'RE GOING IN THIS DIRECTION. AND I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED  
16 ABOUT THE POLICY ISSUES BECAUSE THEY ARE INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT  
17 AND THEY HAVE TO BE RESOLVED. AND THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF AN  
18 INDICATION SHERIFF MCDONNELL RECENTLY BACKED OFF OF SOMETHING  
19 HE HAD PROMISED DURING THE CAMPAIGN ABOUT POLICY, IN AND  
20 AROUND POLICY, THINGS BEING POSTED ON THE INTERNET. I'M UPSET  
21 A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT. BUT I THINK GOING FORWARD, THIS  
22 FOOTAGE NEEDS TO BE MADE WIDELY TRANSPARENT. IF IT'S NOT, IT'S  
23 SOMETHING ELSE THAT COULD BE USED IN A MANNER THAT IS NOT  
24 CONSISTENT WITH WHAT I THINK THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN CLAMORING FOR  
25 IN A SENSE. IT'S IMPORTANT TO DISENTANGLE THE TYPES OF



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1 DEVICES, HOWEVER. AND IT'S IMPORTANT. I THINK HUNTSMAN, WHO  
2 I'M NOT CONSTANTLY COMPLIMENTING, DESERVES A MEASURE OF CREDIT  
3 AND IS TO BE APPLAUDED IN A SMALL SENSE FOR LOOKING CLOSELY AT  
4 THESE THINGS AND HEARING FROM DEPUTIES WHO WEIGHED IN, I THINK  
5 ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE CHEST UNITS WERE NOT AS EFFECTIVE  
6 AS THE HEAD UNITS FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. I WROTE ABOUT IT  
7 IN CITYWATCHLA.COM, WHERE YOU CAN ALSO READ FROM MARK RIDLEY-  
8 THOMAS A NICE PIECE ABOUT HOMELESSNESS THIS WEEK. BUT I DO  
9 FEEL THAT MOVING FORWARD, WE NEED TO BE VERY, VERY CAUTIOUS  
10 THAT WE ARE GETTING GOOD EQUIPMENT BUT NOT NECESSARILY THE  
11 MOST EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT. THERE'S A GROUP, AS YOU KNOW CALLED  
12 TASER INTERNATIONAL, I MENTIONED. I APPLAUDED THEM ON THE A  
13 SIDE AND I'M GOING TO REMIND THAT THIS IS A GROUP THAT HAS  
14 BEEN GOING AROUND PUSHING THROUGH SOLE-SOURCE BEHAVIOR.  
15 THERE'S A "WALL STREET JOURNAL" ARTICLE IN APRIL ABOUT THIS  
16 GROUP AND OF COURSE, ACROSS THE STREET WHERE THE MAYOR RULES,  
17 MAYOR GARCETTI, WE HAVE ISSUED CONTRACTS TO THEM THAT NEEDS TO  
18 BE CLOSELY LOOKED AT. WE HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM. THE D.A.  
19 NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD AND HAVE A LOOK AT THE POLICIES THAT  
20 WOULD AFFECT BOTH L.A.S.D. AND L.A.P.D. IT MAKES NO SENSE TO  
21 HAVE TWO DIFFERENT VIDEO POLICIES HERE IN THIS GREAT COUNTY.  
22 IT MAKES SENSE TO HAVE APPROPRIATE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE--  
23  
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TIME'S EXPIRED. DR.  
25 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.



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2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
3 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM VERY MUCH IN FAVOR TO USE THE  
4 CAMERA. I THINK THAT THE QUALITY OF THE EQUIPMENT IS WHAT'S  
5 IMPORTANT. AND I THINK-- I HOPE YOU WILL LOOK VERY CAREFULLY  
6 AT THAT. BUT CONTRARY TO WHAT MR. PREVEN SAID, IT MIGHT NOT BE  
7 BAD IF ONE GROUP DO ONE AND THE OTHER, THEN WE CAN COMPARE  
8 WHICH ONE IS THE BEST. WITHOUT HAVING TO PAY EXTRA TO DO IT.  
9 BUT I THINK DEFINITELY IT IS IMPORTANT. AND I THINK THAT IT  
10 SHOULD BE SOME STUDY DONE AFTER THE CAMERAS ARE ON FOR 30  
11 DAYS, NOT TO WAIT TOO LONG TO SEE HOW THEY ARE WORKING, WHAT  
12 THE POSITION IS BETTER TO OBTAIN BETTER FOOTAGE AND LOOK AT  
13 THAT. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE ARNOLD  
16 SACHS AND THEN WE'VE-- WE'LL GO TO LANCASTER. MICHAEL JENKINS  
17 AND DIANA BEARD- WILLIAMS.

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19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. HOW  
20 WONDERFUL FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THIS ITEM. BUT I SEEM TO  
21 RECALL THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION MEETING LIKE 2012.  
22 SUPERVISOR MOLINA USED TO HAVE-- THIS USED TO BE ON THE AGENDA  
23 IN 2010, 2011, WHEN THE O.I.G. WAS HERE. SO ELEVATING THIS  
24 ISSUE TO THE FOREFRONT WHEN YOU TOOK IT OFF THE AGENDA, WHAT  
25 DID THAT MEAN? IT WASN'T IMPORTANT ANYMORE? WHAT DOES THAT



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1 SIGNIFY IF IT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA ANYMORE? THAT PEOPLE CAN  
2 COME UP TO SPEAK THAT YOU MADE IT A WEEKLY REPORT WHEN YOU  
3 WERE TALKING ABOUT REFORMS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. PEOPLE  
4 VERY CONCERNED? I DON'T KNOW WHAT PLANET YOU'RE ON BUT PEOPLE  
5 HAVE BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SHERIFF'S  
6 DEPARTMENT FOR, I DON'T KNOW, 25, 30 YEARS NOW WITH ALL THE  
7 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERALS AND ALL THESE SPECIAL REPORTS AND  
8 ALL THESE OTHER COMMISSIONS THAT YOU'VE HAD IN PLACE TO  
9 ACTUALLY SHUFFLE PAPERS FROM ONE STACK TO THE OTHER. THAT  
10 WOULD BE AN ISSUE. TRANSPARENCY, YES INDEED. SOMEBODY USED TO  
11 SAY TRANSPARENT AS MUD. THIS IS ACCESS TO DEPUTIES. THIS IS  
12 FROM 12/16/15. "ACCESS TO DEPUTIES' RECORDS. OKAY." IT REGARDS  
13 ALLEGED MISCONDUCT AND USE OF FORCE. IT SAYS ABOUT THE  
14 SITUATION THAT OCCURRED WITH DEPUTIES, THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
15 SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL-- WELL, ACTUALLY IT SAID THAT NOT-- AN  
16 EXCEPTION TO ALLOW HUNTSMAN TO SEE THE PERSONNEL RECORDS THAT  
17 ARE NORMALLY KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. BUT HIS ACCESS WOULD BE  
18 LIMITED. THE SHERIFF HAS ALREADY SIGNED A DEAL. BUT IT  
19 MENTIONED THAT THERE WAS A SITUATION WITH A SHOOTING THAT THE  
20 SHERIFF'S INSPECTOR GENERAL KNEW NOTHING ABOUT. DON'T  
21 UNDERSTAND THAT. SO THAT WAS A QUICK SIX SECONDS BY THE WAY.  
22 1, 2, 3, 6, BOOM.  
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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL NOW GO TO LANCASTER? MR.  
25 JENKINS.





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2   **MICHAEL JENKINS:** YES, MY NAME IS EVANGELIST MIKE JENKINS AND  
3   I'M CALLING BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE BODY  
4   CAMERAS, IT'S THE LACK OF TRAINING THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
5   OFFICERS HAVE. IT'S THE TRAINING, IT'S THE COVER UP THAT THE  
6   LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS, SHERIFFS, L.A.P.D., WHAT HAVE YOU. THAT'S  
7   WHAT I HAVE THE PROBLEM WITH. YOU CAN TRAIN A MONKEY COULD WEAR  
8   A BODY CAMERA. THAT DON'T MAKE NO DIFFERENCE THE THING OF IT  
9   IS THAT-- I WANT YOU GUYS TO LISTEN CAREFULLY. THAT'S WHAT'S  
10   GOING ON WITH SOCIETY NOW, IS THE SHOOTINGS THAT ARE GOING ON,  
11   IT IS THE LACK OF TRAINING. LIKE I SAID, YOU CAN HAVE A MONKEY  
12   WEARING A BODY CAMERA, THAT DOESN'T MATTER. THE THING OF IT IS  
13   THAT WE'VE GOT TO HAVE THE PROPER TRAINING. IT HAS TO BE  
14   PROPERLY TRAINED. THESE OFFICERS ARE NOT PROPERLY TRAINED.  
15   THEY'RE GOING OUT THERE SHOOTING BLACK MEN LIKE IT'S TARGET  
16   PRACTICE. IF YOU LOOK AT IT, AND I'VE BEEN TO SEVERAL  
17   ACADEMIES. WHAT KIND OF TARGET IS IT? IT'S A BLACK TARGET ON  
18   THERE. IT'S NOT A WHITE TARGET. IT'S NOT A YELLOW TARGET. THEY  
19   SHOOT BLACK TARGETS AND THEY SHOOT FOR THE HEART. IT USED TO  
20   BE YEARS AGO, THEY SHOOT FOR THE LEG. THEY SHOOT FOR THE  
21   HEART. THEY SHOOT TO KILL US. THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON. IT'S NOT  
22   BODY CAMERAS, IT'S THE OFFICERS THAT'S WEARING THEM, THAT'S  
23   THE PROBLEM. AND I HOPE YOU SUPERVISORS GET THIS. IT'S NOT  
24   BODY CAM, IT'S THE OFFICERS.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

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3    **MICHAEL JENKINS:** WHAT? IT'S THE OFFICERS THAT'S DOING IT. IT'S  
4    NOT THE BODY CAMERAS. THE BODY CAMERAS YOU COULD HAVE THEM  
5    WORN 24/7. BUT IT'S THE OFFICERS' LACK OF TRAINING, THE  
6    OFFICERS' LACK OF KNOWLEDGE. AND THEN IT GOES ON AND ON TO THE  
7    COURT SYSTEM. IT GOES ON AND ON TO YOU GUYS. BY YOU GUYS  
8    SUPPORTING THIS STUFF, THE BOARDING IS NONSENSE. COME ON,  
9    SUPERVISORS, DON'T YOU GET IT, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS? DON'T YOU  
10   GET IT, SOLIS? DON'T YOU GET IT, DON KNABE. THAT'S WHERE IT  
11   STARTS, AT THE ACADEMY. THAT'S WHAT YOU GUYS NEED TO WAKE UP  
12   AND REALIZE.

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14   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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16   **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M DIANA BEARD-  
17   WILLIAMS, DR. DIANA BEARD- WILLIAMS. I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY, I'M  
18   GOING TO APPLAUD YOU, WOW. YOU CAME UP WITH AN ORDINANCE THAT  
19   SAID THAT WE SHOULD HAVE BODY CAMERAS. LET ME TAKE YOU BACK TO  
20   1990. FORGET 2014. LET'S GO BACK TO 1990 WHEN I WAS INVOLVED  
21   IN GATES MUST GO, GATES MUST GO. AND PICTURES OF BLACK PEOPLE  
22   WHO HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE BACK, WHO HAD BEEN MURDERED, WHO HAD  
23   BEEN JUST BLOWN AWAY BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. NO PROOF, UNTIL  
24   WE THE CITIZENS STARTED USING OUR OWN CAMERAS. SO NOW ALL OF A  
25   SUDDEN, ALL THESE YEARS LATER, YOU'VE FINALLY FIGURED OUT YOU



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1 NEED BODY CAMERAS. I'VE DONE SOME RESEARCH, AND THERE ARE MANY  
2 SITUATIONS, AND YOU WILL HEAR THEM ON THE NEWS, THE BODY CAM  
3 WASN'T EVEN ON. THE DAMN BODY CAMERA WASN'T ON. SO YOU ACT AS  
4 IF THIS IS A PANACEA OR SOMETHING. NO. THIS IS A SYMPTOM OF  
5 THE PROBLEM. AS MR. JENKINS SAID, YOU CAN PUT A BODY CAMERA ON  
6 A MONKEY AND WHAT WILL THAT TELL YOU? THAT WILL PERHAPS  
7 CURTAIL THAT MONKEY FROM DOING SOMETHING HE SHOULDN'T DO  
8 WRONG? BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HE GETS BACK TO THE STATION? THIS  
9 IS NOTHING BUT A SYMPTOM OF THE PROBLEM. BODY CAMERAS ARE  
10 GREAT. BUT YOU TELL ME IN YOUR ORDINANCE WHAT'S GOING TO  
11 HAPPEN IN TERMS OF FOLLOW UP, ACCOUNTABILITY. YOU TELL ME  
12 WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THAT DARN ORDINANCE THAT YOU'RE  
13 PUTTING UP THERE IN TERMS OF MENTAL HEALTH, IN TERMS OF  
14 TRAINING, HOW YOU'RE PUTTING COPS ON THE STREET THAT DON'T  
15 DESERVE TO BE ON THE STREET WHO ARE COMING IN FROM WAR ZONES,  
16 WHO HAVE AN ADRENALINE RUSH, THEY HAVE A FINGER ITCH TO PULL A  
17 GUN, AS YOU SAW IN MINNESOTA. THE GUY WAS SHAKING LIKE HELL AS  
18 HE SHOT DEAD THE MAN ON THE VIDEO. IT'S NOT JUST THE BODY  
19 CAMERA, PEOPLE! IT'S THE TRAINING!

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS  
22 BEFORE US. IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED AS AMENDED  
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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1   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, PUBLIC HEARING ITEM  
2   NO. 36. THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
3   CONSIDER AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO PLACE ON THE NOVEMBER 8,  
4   2016 BALLOT TAX MEASURES FOR VOTER APPROVAL DEDICATED TO  
5   ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS. THIS MATTER WILL BE HEARD ALONG WITH  
6   R-1 AND R-2. THERE ARE DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENTS. AND  
7   CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ALL THOSE WHO ARE HERE TO  
8   TESTIFY, WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND? IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE  
9   BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH,  
10   THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD?

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12   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN  
13   BY PRESENTATIONS BY OUR COUNTY STAFF.

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15   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I MAY.

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17   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

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19   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THE BOARD OF  
20   SUPERVISORS ASKED COUNTY COUNSEL AND OTHER RELEVANT  
21   DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THE OPTIONS  
22   AVAILABLE TO INCREASE REVENUE DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING THE  
23   HOMELESS CRISIS. SO FROM MY OFFICE, I HAVE SENIOR ASSISTANT  
24   COUNTY COUNSEL TOM FAUGHNAN, WHO IS HERE TO PRESENT ON R-1,  
25   AND THEN LATER PRINCIPAL DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL JUDY WHITEHURST



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1 WHO IS HERE TO PRESENT ON R-2 ALONG WITH OTHER RELEVANT  
2 DEPARTMENT PARTICIPANTS.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. CAN YOU HIT THE  
5 LIGHTS, PLEASE?

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7 **TOM FAUGHNAN:** SUPERVISORS, THESE ARE THE POTENTIAL BALLOT  
8 MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN PROPOSED FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016  
9 ELECTION. THE FIRST IS A SPECIAL PARCEL TAX TO COMBAT  
10 HOMELESSNESS. THE VOTES REQUIRED FOR THIS TAX ARE THREE VOTES  
11 FROM YOUR BOARD AND TWO-THIRDS APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS. THE TAX  
12 PROVIDES FOR A 3-CENT PER SQUARE FOOT OF IMPROVEMENTS ON  
13 IMPROVED PROPERTY TAX AS WELL AS A \$24 PER PARCEL OF  
14 UNIMPROVED PROPERTY TAX. THOSE TAXES ARE ANNUAL TAXES AND  
15 WOULD BE COLLECTED WITH THE PROPERTY TAXES. THE REVENUE FROM  
16 THIS SPECIAL TAX WILL BE DEDICATED TO FUNDING THE HOMELESS  
17 INITIATIVE STRATEGIES AND OTHER PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE CAUSES  
18 AND EFFECTS OF HOMELESSNESS. IT WILL REQUIRE ANNUAL AUDITS AND  
19 THE CREATION OF A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT ADVISORY BOARD WHICH WILL  
20 REVIEW AND REPORT ON EXPENDITURES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
21 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE NEXT PROPOSED TAX IS A SPECIAL  
22 MARIJUANA BUSINESS TAX. ALSO REQUIRES THREE VOTES OF THE BOARD  
23 TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT AND TWO-THIRDS APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS.  
24 THE TAXES AND TAX ON MARIJUANA BUSINESSES OF UP TO 10 PERCENT  
25 OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS OF THOSE BUSINESSES. THE BOARD HAS THE



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1 FLEXIBILITY TO ADJUST THOSE RATES AND THE CLASSES OF  
2 BUSINESSES TAXED BELOW THAT 10 PERCENT MAXIMUM. THE PROPOSED  
3 MEASURE IS CONDITIONED UPON VOTER APPROVAL OF THE ADULT USE OF  
4 MARIJUANA ACT, LEGALIZING AND REGULATING RECREATIONAL USE OF  
5 MARIJUANA IN CALIFORNIA. THE TAX, THOUGH, IS APPLICABLE TO  
6 BOTH MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ACTIVITIES.  
7 THE REVENUE WILL BE DEDICATED TO FUNDING THE HOMELESS  
8 INITIATIVE STRATEGIES AND OTHER PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE CAUSES  
9 AND EFFECTS OF HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. IT WILL REQUIRE  
10 ANNUAL AUDITS AND THE CREATION OF A CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT  
11 ADVISORY BOARD WHICH WILL REVIEW AND REPORT ON EXPENDITURES  
12 AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE NEXT  
13 PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE IS A GENERAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS TAX.  
14 THE GENERAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS TAX REQUIRES APPROVAL BY FOUR  
15 VOTES OF THE BOARD AND THEN A MAJORITY APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS.  
16 THE TAX ON MARIJUANA BUSINESSES FOR THE GENERAL TAX IS THE  
17 SAME AS THE SPECIAL TAX. IT'S A TAX OF UP TO 10 PERCENT ON  
18 GROSS RECEIPTS. IT IS FOR GENERAL COUNTY PURPOSES. AND THE  
19 BOARDS CAN ADJUST THE RATES AND CLASSES OF THE BUSINESSES  
20 TAXED UP TO THE MAXIMUM OF 10 PERCENT. THE TAX IS CONDITIONED  
21 UPON VOTER APPROVAL OF THE ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA ACT  
22 LEGALIZING AND REGULATING RECREATIONAL USE OF MARIJUANA IN  
23 CALIFORNIA. THERE WILL BE A SEPARATE ADVISORY QUESTION WHICH  
24 WILL ASK VOTERS IF THE COUNTY SHOULD USE THE REVENUES  
25 GENERATED TO FUND PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS





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1 OF HOMELESSNESS, CONDUCT ANNUAL AUDITS AND HAVE A CITIZEN'S  
2 OVERSIGHT OF EXPENDITURES. THE ADVISORY QUESTION WILL NOT BE  
3 BINDING ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THERE IS ALSO PROPOSED A  
4 GENERAL TRANSACTION AND USE TAX WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY A SALES  
5 TAX. IT REQUIRES FOUR VOTES OF THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL AND  
6 MAJORITY APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS. THE COUNTYWIDE TAX OF A  
7 QUARTER PERCENT ON RETAIL SALES, THE TOTAL UNINCORPORATED AREA  
8 SALES TAX RATE WOULD BE 9.25 PERCENT. THERE ARE SOME CITIES  
9 THAT HAVE A HIGHER RATE IN THE COUNTY. A SEPARATE ADVISORY  
10 QUESTION WILL ALSO BE ASKED FOR THIS TAX AS TO WHETHER THE  
11 COUNTY SHOULD USE THE REVENUES GENERATED TO FUND PROGRAMS TO  
12 ADDRESS THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF HOMELESSNESS, TO CONDUCT  
13 ANNUAL AUDITS AND TO HAVE A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT OF  
14 EXPENDITURES. THE ADVISORY QUESTION IS NOT BINDING ON THE  
15 BOARD. THE NEXT SLIDE HERE IS A SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL HOMELESS  
16 FUNDING REVENUE MEASURES. INCLUDES PROJECTED ANNUAL REVENUE.  
17 THE BOARD VOTE REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL. THE ELECTORATE VOTE  
18 REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL. AND THEN POLLING INFORMATION THAT HAS  
19 BEEN CONDUCTED THUS FAR.

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21 **SHAKARI BYERLY:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD MEMBERS, PRESIDENT SOLIS.  
22 IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE BEFORE YOU TO PRESENT SOME  
23 ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON THE POLLING RESULTS. THE RESEARCH  
24 INDICATES THAT THERE IS BROAD SUPPORT FOR ADDITIONAL REVENUE  
25 GENERATION TO SUPPORT HOMELESS SERVICES. WE TESTED THREE OF



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1 THE MEASURES UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE RESEARCH AND THERE'S  
2 ALSO THE FOURTH OPTION OF THE GENERAL MARIJUANA TAX, WHERE WE  
3 DO NOT HAVE EXPLICIT DATA BUT WE ANTICIPATE THAT SUPPORT  
4 LEVELS MAY BE COMPARABLE TO WHAT WE ASSESS FOR THE GENERAL  
5 PURPOSE MEASURE. BUT FIRSTLY, THE PARCEL TAX MEASURE THAT WAS  
6 TESTED WAS A 3 CENTS PER SQUARE FOOT TAX ON IMPROVED  
7 STRUCTURES. AND WE FOUND THAT 67 PERCENT OF VOTERS ON INITIAL  
8 ASK WERE INCLINED TO VOTE YES ON SUCH A MEASURE. THERE'S  
9 COMPARABLE SUPPORT LEVELS WERE FOUND IN A JUNE POLL CONDUCTED  
10 BY ARNOLD STEINBERG AND ASSOCIATES. THE SUPPORT LEVEL IN THAT  
11 POLL WAS 69 PERCENT. WE ALSO ASSESSED VOTER SUPPORT FOR A  
12 GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX OR A SALES TAX. THIS  
13 PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE MEASURE ALSO INCLUDED A  
14 DESCRIPTION OF PARKS SERVICES, WHICH I'M SURE ARE NOT UNDER  
15 CONSIDERATION BUT THAT PROVIDES A BIT OF CONTEXT FOR THE  
16 RESULTS YOU SEE HERE. 69 PERCENT OF VOTERS INDICATED THEY  
17 WOULD SAY YES, VOTE YES ON THAT MEASURE ON INITIAL ASK. FOR  
18 THE SPECIAL PURPOSE MARIJUANA TAX TO SUPPORT HOMELESS  
19 SERVICES, 69 PERCENT OF VOTERS ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD  
20 VOTE YES ON SUCH A MEASURE, WITH EACH OF THE OPTIONS EXPLORED  
21 IN THE RESEARCH, SUGGESTS THAT AN OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN,  
22 PARTICULARLY VOCAL OPPOSITION, COULD REDUCE LEVELS OF SUPPORT  
23 BELOW THE TWO-THIRDS LEVEL. SO IN THE FINAL COLUMN ON THAT  
24 CHART AFTER MESSAGING, WE SEE DECLINES IN SUPPORT ONCE  
25 NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE INFORMATION IS GIVEN. SO IN THE FINAL



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1 VOTE, THE SUPPORT LEVELS ARE SOMEWHAT LOWER. I'M HAPPY TO  
2 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT THE BOARD MIGHT HAVE RELATED TO THE  
3 OPINION RESEARCH RESULTS.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS  
6 PRESENTATIONS? QUESTIONS? NO? IS THAT IT?

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8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, WE ARE NOW TURNING TO  
9 R-2, WHICH IS THE REPORT BACK ON THE MARIJUANA TAX AVAILABLE  
10 OPTIONS.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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14 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS TO PROVIDE  
15 A REPORT ON THE LAWS REGARDING LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA AND  
16 THE ANTICIPATED LOCAL REGULATION AND EFFORTS NEEDED SHOULD  
17 PROPOSITION 64 PASS. I'M JUDY WHITEHURST ASSISTANT COUNTY  
18 COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF MARY WICKHAM. SEVERAL PEOPLE IN OUR  
19 OFFICE HAVE WORKED WITH MANY DEPARTMENTS TO PREPARE THIS  
20 PRESENTATION. I'M HERE WITH JOSEPH KELLY, THE TREASURER AND  
21 TAX COLLECTOR, AND MARK CHILD, REGIONAL PLANNING. IN ADDITION,  
22 WE HAD RICHARD BRUCKNER WITH REGIONAL PLANNING, KURT FLORIN,  
23 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, CYNTHIA HARDING, PUBLIC HEALTH,  
24 BRIAN STIGER, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS,  
25 SHERIFF REPRESENTATIVES, LIEUTENANT BARDINO AND SERGEANT



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1 WALSH, AS WELL AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPRESENTATIVE ASHLEY  
2 ROSEN. THEY'RE ALL HERE AND AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR OTHER  
3 QUESTIONS SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY. THIS REPORT WILL PROVIDE AN  
4 OVERVIEW OF MARIJUANA LAWS, TAXATION OF MARIJUANA,  
5 REVENUE/COST INFORMATION AND ANTICIPATED COUNTY REGULATION.  
6 THE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA LAW IS CALLED THE ADULT USE OF  
7 MARIJUANA ACT OR A.M.A. IT WILL APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016  
8 BALLOT AS PROPOSITION 64. IT PROVIDES FOR DUAL STATE AND LOCAL  
9 LICENSING AND PERMITTING FOR BUSINESSES AND IS CONSISTENT WITH  
10 THE EXISTING LAWS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA. IT PROVIDES TAXATION  
11 AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS. AND IT LEGALIZES PERSONAL USE  
12 AND CULTIVATION WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS. LOCAL JURISDICTIONS  
13 RETAIN POLICE POWERS TO REGULATE OR BAN. IF THE COUNTY BANS,  
14 IT WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO DESIGNATED STATE GRANTS. THE COUNTY  
15 MAY NOT BAN PERSONAL INDOOR USE OR CULTIVATION OR THE USE OF  
16 PUBLIC ROADS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF MARIJUANA. THE STATE'S  
17 REGULATORY DUTIES CAN BE DELEGATED DOWN TO THE LOCAL AGENCIES,  
18 BUT AN M.O.U. IS REQUIRED. SO THE STATE CAN DIRECT THE COUNTY  
19 TO CARRY ON CERTAIN REGULATIONS AND IT MOST LIKELY WOULD BE  
20 THE IN AREAS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY AND AGRICULTURAL STANDARDS.  
21 BACK TO THE USE THAT WOULD BE ALLOWED BY A.U.M.A., FOR ANYONE  
22 21 YEARS OR OLDER, IF PASSED IT WILL BE LEGAL TO POSSESS 28.5  
23 GRAMS OF NON-CONCENTRATED MARIJUANA AND 8 GRAMS OF  
24 CONCENTRATED MARIJUANA. INDIVIDUAL POSSESSION AND CULTIVATION  
25 OF SIX PLANTS AND THE PRODUCT PRODUCED FROM THOSE PLANTS WILL



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1 ALSO BE LEGALIZED. IT WILL BE LEGAL TO SMOKE AND INGEST  
2 MARIJUANA AND MARIJUANA PRODUCTS AS WELL AS EDIBLES. THE  
3 COUNTY COULD STILL ADOPT REASONABLE REGULATIONS ON PERSONAL  
4 CULTIVATION AND USE, FOR EXAMPLE, RULES RELATING TO CIGARETTE  
5 SMOKING IN THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO BE IMPOSED FOR MARIJUANA  
6 SMOKING. CULTIVATION IN YARDS CAN ALSO BE REGULATED SO THAT  
7 PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO UNSECURE LOCATIONS WHERE MARIJUANA  
8 IS BEING CULTIVATED, AS WELL AS LAND USE AND ZONING  
9 RESTRICTIONS. SOME ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR LOCAL  
10 GOVERNMENT ARE THAT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WILL NEED TO ESTABLISH,  
11 ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE NEW REGULATIONS AND POLICIES AND TRAIN  
12 STAFF TO IMPLEMENT A.U.M.A. IN ADDITION, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
13 WILL NEED TO ESTABLISH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND  
14 TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR JUVENILES. AND AS WAS PREVIOUSLY  
15 MENTIONED, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL DELEGATED DUTIES FROM THE  
16 STATE AS DETERMINED BY AN M.O.U. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2018.  
17 LASTLY, MARIJUANA-RELATED CONVICTIONS OR SENTENCES THAT WERE  
18 IMPOSED BEFORE THE BALLOT MEASURE PASSES WILL REQUIRE  
19 ADDITIONAL HEARINGS FOR RECONSIDERATION. THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
20 LAW IS CALLED THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA REGULATION AND SAFETY ACT  
21 OR M.M.R.S.A. IT WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN 2015 AND  
22 BECAME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016. IT ALSO PROVIDES DUAL  
23 LICENSING, PERMITTING AND REGULATION FOR COMMERCIAL, MEDICAL  
24 MARIJUANA BUSINESSES. IT ESTABLISHES THE BASELINE OF STANDARDS  
25 AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS CAN IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL STANDARDS,



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1 I.E., STRONGER REQUIREMENTS THAN AT THE STATE LEVEL. IT  
2 PRESERVES POLICE POWER FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS RELATING TO  
3 ZONING AND LICENSING. AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN TAX  
4 CULTIVATING, PRODUCING, PROCESSING, PREPARING, STORING,  
5 PROVIDING, DONATING, SELLING, DISTRIBUTING OR THE DELIVERY OF  
6 MEDICAL MARIJUANA OR PRODUCTS. THIS TAX IS A BUSINESS TAX, AS  
7 DISCUSSED BY THE PRIOR SPEAKER AS WELL AS IN FUTURE SLIDES. IN  
8 ADDITION IN 1996, CALIFORNIA VOTERS PASSED THE COMPASSIONATE  
9 USE ACT. THAT RELATED PRIMARILY TO PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS IN  
10 POSSESSION AND IT REDUCED THE CRIMES ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE IN  
11 POSSESSION BY PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS. THAT'S BEEN ON THE  
12 BOOKS SINCE 1996. THE NEW M.M.R.S.A. LAWS REGULATE MORE OF THE  
13 BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY AS WELL AS SOME OF THE  
14 EXISTING MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACTIVITIES. THE COUNTY ALSO HAS  
15 MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAWS. THERE'S A MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY  
16 BAN ON ALL RETAIL STORE FRONTS. IT BECAME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6,  
17 2011. THERE IS ALSO AN URGENCY ORDINANCE WHICH IS A TEMPORARY  
18 BAN ON OTHER MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAND USES. THAT WAS EFFECTIVE  
19 APRIL 12, 2016. IT EXPIRES JUNE 28, 2017. THE COUNTY DOES NOT  
20 HAVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA. IN TERMS  
21 OF PRE-EMPTION, A.U.M.A. AND M.M.R.S.A. BOTH ALLOW LOCAL  
22 REGULATION. THE COUNTY IS NOT PRE-EMPTED BY STATE LAW, EXCEPT  
23 THAT YOU COULD NOT BAN HOME PERSONAL USE OR INDOOR PERSONAL  
24 CULTIVATION OR USE OF PUBLIC ROADS TO TRANSPORT MARIJUANA.  
25 HOWEVER, ANY LAWS ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY CANNOT BE LESS





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1 STRINGENT THAN A.U.M.A. OR M.M.R.S.A. THIS SLIDE PROVIDES AN  
2 OVERVIEW OF TAXATION FOR BOTH A.U.M.A. AND M.M.R.S.A. AND  
3 YOU'LL SEE ON THE LEFT COLUMN A.U.M.A., OR RECREATIONAL USE,  
4 IT AUTHORIZES AT THE STATE LEVEL AN EXCISE TAX OF 15 PERCENT  
5 OF GROSS RECEIPTS, WHICH IS PAID BY THE PURCHASERS. IN  
6 ADDITION, THERE'S A CULTIVATION TAX ON THE HARVEST, WHICH IS  
7 AT \$9.25 AN OUNCE PER DRY WEIGHT OF FLOWERS AND \$2.75 PER  
8 OUNCE OF DRY WEIGHT LEAVES. IN ADDITION, IT AUTHORIZES REVENUE  
9 SHARING. SO THE COUNTY WOULD BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A SHARE OF  
10 A PORTION OF THIS STATE TAX, WHICH THE SHARE IS APPROXIMATELY  
11 20 PERCENT WHICH WOULD BE DIVVIED UP. IF THE COUNTY DOES NOT  
12 BAN SALES. IF THE COUNTY DOES BAN SALES, IT WOULD NOT BE  
13 ENTITLED TO GRANTS FROM THAT FUND. SALES TAX IS ALSO  
14 AUTHORIZED BUT AT THE STANDARD, STATE AND LOCAL SALES TAX  
15 LEVEL, IT WOULD BE COLLECTED ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, JUST  
16 LIKE IT WOULD ANY PRODUCT. AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, A.U.M.A.  
17 ALLOWS A BUSINESS TAX ON THE PRIVILEGE OF CULTIVATING,  
18 MANUFACTURING, PRODUCING, PROCESSING, PREPARING, STORING,  
19 PROVIDING, DONATING, SELLING OR DISTRIBUTING MARIJUANA. SO  
20 ESSENTIALLY EVERY POINT IN THE CHAIN. IT CAN BE IN THE ENTIRE  
21 COUNTY OR IT COULD BE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS ONLY. IT  
22 COULD BE A GENERAL TAX FOR ANY PURPOSE OR A SPECIAL TAX FOR  
23 SPECIFIC USE SUCH AS HOMELESSNESS. STANDARD LOCAL SALES TAX  
24 APPLIES TO RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA AS A PRODUCT. NO ADDITIONAL  
25 SALES TAX IS AUTHORIZED ON TOP OF THE EXISTING SALES TAX. IF



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1 THE COUNTY BANS SALES, THEN WE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY SALES OR  
2 BUSINESS TAX FROM THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. IN  
3 TERMS OF MEDICAL USE UNDER M.M.R.S.A., CURRENTLY STATE SALES  
4 TAX IS COLLECTED ON ALL SALES OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND  
5 PRODUCTS. IF A.U.M.A. PASSES, QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WITH STATE  
6 MEDICAL MARIJUANA I.D.S WILL BE EXEMPT FROM PAYING THE STATE  
7 SALES TAX. IN TERMS OF THE COUNTY, M.M.R.S.A. ALSO ALLOWS A  
8 BUSINESS TAX ON THE BUSINESS OF CULTIVATING, MANUFACTURING,  
9 PRODUCING, PROCESSING, PREPARING, STORING, PROVIDING,  
10 DONATING, SELLING OR DISTRIBUTING MARIJUANA, PLUS IT ALLOWS  
11 FOR TAX ON DELIVERIES OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA. IT CAN BE IN THE  
12 ENTIRE COUNTY OR UNINCORPORATED AREA. A GENERAL TAX OR ANY  
13 PURPOSE FOR SPECIFIC USES AS WELL AS NO ADDITIONAL STATE SALES  
14 TAX IS AUTHORIZED. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TAX REVENUE TIMELINE.  
15 ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016, IF BOTH A.U.M.A. AND A COUNTY BUSINESS  
16 TAX, SHOULD YOU PUT IT ON THE BALLOT, IF THEY BOTH PASS, IT  
17 CAN BE IMPOSED ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, ON  
18 JANUARY 1, 2018, IF BOTH A.U.M.A. AND COUNTY BUSINESS TAX  
19 PASS, IT CAN BE IMPOSED ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA WHEN THE STATE  
20 LICENSING BEGINS. IN ADDITION, OTHER ISSUES INCLUDE CONCERNS  
21 THAT MARIJUANA SALES ARE PRIMARILY A CASH BUSINESS. PAYMENTS  
22 OF COUNTY BUSINESS TAX WOULD LIKELY OCCUR AT THE TREASURER'S  
23 CASHIERING OPERATIONS ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THIS BUILDING.  
24 OTHER ISSUES RELATING TO HOW THE COUNTY WILL ENSURE IT  
25 RECEIVES THE FULL AMOUNT OF TAX IF IMPOSED CAN BE ADDRESSED BY



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1 A.U.M.A. ITSELF WHICH PROVIDES FOR A TRACK AND TRACE SYSTEM,  
2 WHICH IS BASICALLY A TRACKING OF THE PLANT, ALL THE WAY TO THE  
3 RETAIL SALE. IT AIDS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TAX COLLECTION AND  
4 PUBLIC HEALTH PEOPLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER PRODUCT IS BEING  
5 DESERTED IN THE CHAIN OF COMMERCE ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE  
6 RETAIL SALE. IT'S ALREADY BEING USED OR BEING DEVELOPED FOR  
7 MEDICAL MARIJUANA. IN TERMS OF REVENUE AND COSTS, THIS CHART  
8 PROVIDES SOME INFORMATION, ALTHOUGH I'D LIKE TO PREFACE IT BY  
9 SAYING THAT IT'S NOT INTENDED TO IMPLY THAT OUR COLLECTIONS  
10 WILL BE THE SAME. IT MERELY PROVIDES AVAILABLE INFORMATION  
11 FROM THE VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS. AND ADMITTEDLY INFORMATION  
12 THAT'S OUT OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN ON REVENUE IS SOMEWHAT SPARSE.  
13 IN TERMS OF COLORADO, WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF 5.4 MILLION,  
14 THEIR LAW WAS ENACTED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012 AND BECAME EFFECTIVE  
15 ON JANUARY 1, 2014. SO THEY ESSENTIALLY HAD 14 MONTHS TO  
16 PREPARE FOR IMPLEMENTATION. AND YOU CAN SEE FROM THE FIRST  
17 YEAR REVENUE, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$25.3 MILLION, DURING  
18 THAT YEAR FOR 2013 AND '14, THAT REALLY ONLY APPLIED TO  
19 COLLECTIONS FOR HALF OF THE YEAR BECAUSE IT WAS THE FISCAL  
20 YEAR. BUT YOU CAN SEE THAT THERE IS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER. IN  
21 ADDITION, THEN, IF YOU LOOK OVER TO 2016 WHERE WE SHOW THREE  
22 MONTHS OF REPORTED TAX REVENUE, THAT IT'S \$112.2 MILLION. SO  
23 CLEARLY YOU CAN SEE THAT IT TAKES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME  
24 BEFORE YOU WOULD REALIZE REVENUE. THE SAME FOR THE STATE OF  
25 WASHINGTON WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF 6.7 MILLION. THEIR LAW



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1 WAS ENACTED IN NOVEMBER 2012, BECAME EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2014.  
2 SO THEY HAD 20 MONTHS TO PREPARE FOR THAT TAX. IN THE FIRST  
3 YEAR OF REVENUE IN 2015, THEY COLLECTED \$64.8 MILLION. AND  
4 THEN PROJECTED FOR 2016, THE REVENUE WENT UP TO \$185.7  
5 MILLION. LASTLY, OREGON, WITH 4 MILLION PEOPLE, THEIR LAW WENT  
6 INTO EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014 AND BECAME EFFECTIVE JANUARY  
7 1, 2016, AGAIN ANOTHER 14 MONTHS TO AMP UP AND GET READY FOR  
8 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TAX. PROJECTED INCOME OR GROSS SALES,  
9 RATHER, FOR 2016, FOUR MONTHS, WAS AROUND \$42 MILLION AND  
10 DURING THAT SAME TIME IF YOU'LL NOTICE ON THE RIGHT, THEY  
11 COLLECTED ABOUT \$10.5 MILLION. TO COMPARE IT WITH THE COUNTY'S  
12 TAX THAT POTENTIALLY COULD BE IMPOSED, THE STATE WOULD HAVE AN  
13 EXCISE TAX UNDER A.U.M.A. FOR 15 PERCENT, REGULAR SALES TAX OF  
14 9 PERCENT AND THE BUSINESS TAX THAT IS PROPOSED OF 10 PERCENT  
15 TOTALS 34 PERCENT WHICH IS PRETTY EQUIVALENT TO THE ABOVE  
16 THREE JURISDICTIONS. ANOTHER SAMPLE OF BOTH REVENUE AND COST  
17 IS THE CITY OF DENVER, COLORADO. DID I NOT? THE CITY OF DENVER  
18 HAS ABOUT 800,000 PEOPLE, SIGNIFICANTLY LESS. THERE WE GO. IN  
19 2015, THEY REPORTED REVENUE OF APPROXIMATELY \$27.2 MILLION.  
20 AND THEN IF YOU LOOK AT THE RIGHT, THEIR REPORTED EXPENDITURES  
21 BY DEPARTMENT WAS \$6.9 MILLION OR 25 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL  
22 REVENUE. THAT WAS CALCULATED BASED ON THE 14 DENVER  
23 DEPARTMENTS THAT HAD ROLES IN REGULATING MARIJUANA. THIS DOES  
24 NOT MEAN THAT THE COUNTY'S EXPENSES WOULD MIRROR DENVER'S  
25 EXPENSES; IT COULD BE FAR DIFFERENT FROM 25 PERCENT, EITHER UP



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1 OR DOWN. YOU WOULD NEED TO COMPARE COLORADO WITH OUR A.U.M.A.  
2 LAW. IT DOES APPEAR THAT A.U.M.A. IMPOSES HEAVY REGULATORY  
3 RESPONSIBILITY BOTH AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS. IN TERMS OF  
4 OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT'S ANTICIPATED REGULATORY ROLES, THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING WOULD REQUIRE LAND USE  
6 REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS TO SPECIFIC ZONES, SITE LOCATIONS  
7 STANDARDS TO AVOID LAND USE CONFLICTS, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS,  
8 C.E.Q.A. REVIEW. THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR WILL BE  
9 RESPONSIBLE IF YOU PASSED IT FOR COLLECTION OF GROSS RECEIPTS  
10 TAX, AND BUSINESS LICENSING. THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER AND  
11 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CULTIVATION  
12 LICENSING, INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT WHICH INCLUDES PESTICIDE  
13 USE AND RESIDUE TOLERANCE, THE UNIQUE IDENTIFIER PROGRAM OR  
14 THE TRACK AND TRACE, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, AS WELL  
15 AS WEIGHTS AND MEASURES MONITORING INCLUDING WEIGHING DEVICES  
16 AND PACKING INSPECTION. A.U.M.A. DOES HAVE STRICT PACKAGING  
17 REQUIREMENTS TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES OF DIVERTING  
18 PRODUCT THROUGHOUT THE COMMERCIAL CHAIN. IN ADDITION, THE  
19 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LICENSING,  
20 TESTING ACTIVITIES AND MANUFACTURING AS WELL AS FACILITY  
21 LICENSING AND INSPECTIONS. THE SHERIFF WILL HAVE INCREASED LAW  
22 ENFORCEMENT NEEDS, SAFETY ISSUES AS WELL AS JUVENILE USE  
23 OVERSIGHT. THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS  
24 WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION AND FRAUD  
25 PREVENTION, AND LITERATURE SUGGESTS THAT THERE IS A HIGH



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1 POTENTIAL FOR CONSUMER FRAUD RELATED TO WEIGHT AND POTENCY AND  
2 PACKAGING OF MARIJUANA, AS WELL AS LABOR AND WAGE ENFORCEMENT  
3 ISSUES. LASTLY, THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO BE ABLE TO RECOVER  
4 COSTS FOR FEES FOR LICENSING AND PERMITTING WHERE IT IS  
5 NEEDED. IT'S CLEAR THAT DOWN THE ROAD, ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS  
6 WILL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THEIR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY IN  
7 TERMS OF THE REGULATING, THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA SHOULD  
8 THAT OCCUR. AND THAT CONCLUDES THE PRESENTATION AND THE TEAM  
9 OF DEPARTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IT AS VERY INFORMATIVE  
12 PRESENTATION. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THE STAFF AND OUR C.E.O.  
13 AND OUR COUNTY COUNSEL. I KNOW THIS TOOK A LOT OF TIME, MANY  
14 HOURS IN THE EVENING, IT'S A LOT OF INFORMATION TO DIGEST. BUT  
15 I WILL OPEN IT UP TO THE FLOOR, TO THE MEMBERS FOR QUESTIONS.  
16 SUPERVISOR THOMAS. RIDLEY-THOMAS.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU MADAME CHAIR. I HAVE A SERIES OF  
19 QUESTIONS FOR THE POLLSTER. I WANT TO ASK THE QUESTION TO  
20 C.E.O. I WANT TO ASK A QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNSEL. I HAVE  
21 QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND REGIONAL PLANNING. SO IF THOSE  
22 PERSONS WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER SOME QUESTIONS, I'D BE  
23 APPRECIATIVE. TO THE POLLSTER, THE QUESTION IS REALLY IS, DO  
24 YOU KNOW OF ANY POLL THAT MIGHT SHOW THAT A HOMELESS SALES TAX





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1 MIGHT JEOPARDIZE TRANSPORTATION OR PARKS AS A MEASURE? DO YOU  
2 KNOW OF ANY SUCH POLLING THAT CAME FORWARD?

3

4 **SHAKARI BYERLY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND TO  
5 THE BOARD. I APOLOGIZE MY NAME IS SHAKARI BYERLY, WITH  
6 EVITARUS. I WORKED AS A CO-INVESTIGATOR ALONG WITH DAVID  
7 BINDER RESEARCH ON THE POLLING THAT WAS DONE FOR THE COUNTY.  
8 AND SUPERVISOR, TO YOUR QUESTION, THE APRIL POLL THAT WE  
9 CONDUCTED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WAS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO  
10 ASSESS WHETHER OR NOT THERE WERE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN A  
11 POTENTIAL SALES TAX MEASURE FOR HOMELESSNESS, AND IN A  
12 SEPARATE MEASURE FOR TRANSPORTATION AND WE DID NOT FIND A  
13 NEGATIVE IMPACT ON EITHER.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS IT RELATES TO YOUR PRESENTATION,  
16 SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL FUNDING OF HOMELESS MEASURES, THE PARCEL  
17 TAX AFTER MEASURE-- AFTER MESSAGING MOVES FROM 67 TO 61 AND  
18 THE THRESHOLD FOR A PARCEL TAX WOULD BE TWO-THIRDS, CORRECT?

19

20 **SHAKARI BYERLY:** THAT IS CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE GENERAL TRANSACTION USE TAX STARTS OUT  
23 AT 69 PERCENT. AND IT ENDS UP AT 60 PERCENT AFTER MESSAGING.  
24 THE THRESHOLD IS 50 PERCENT, IS THAT NOT CORRECT?

25



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1   **SHAKARI BYERLY:** THAT IS CORRECT. I WOULD PROVIDE SOME CONTEXT.

2

3   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PLEASE.

4

5   **SHAKARI BYERLY:** FOR THE NUMBERS ON THE MESSAGING. THAT  
6   PARTICULAR MECHANISM WAS TESTED AS A HOMELESSNESS SERVICES AND  
7   PARKS AND RECREATION MEASURE.

8

9   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** COMBINED?

10

11   **SHAKARI BYERLY:** COMBINED. ALTHOUGH IT WAS A GENERAL PURPOSE,  
12   THE ADVISORY LANGUAGE THAT WAS INCLUDED IN THE POLLING  
13   QUESTION INDICATED THAT THE FUNDING WOULD BE USED FOR BOTH  
14   PURPOSES.

15

16   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

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18   **SHAKARI BYERLY:** THEREFORE THE MESSAGE THAT RESONATED IN  
19   OPPOSITION TO THAT APPROACH I BELIEVE WAS THE COMBINATION OF  
20   PARKS AND HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER. SO THE 60 PERCENT IS LIKELY  
21   IN RESPONSE TO THE VOTERS' CONCERN THAT PARKS AND HOMELESSNESS  
22   DON'T NECESSARILY FIT TOGETHER WITH THIS PARTICULAR MECHANISM.

23

24   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. AND THEN THE SPECIAL MARIJUANA  
25   TAX STARTS AT 69 PERCENT. IT HAS TO MEET A TWO-THIRDS



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1 THRESHOLD. IT STARTS AT 69 PERCENT AND IT ENDS UP AT 64  
2 PERCENT. SO IT DOESN'T QUITE MAKE IT ACCORDING TO THE POLLING  
3 INFORMATION THAT'S BEFORE US. AM I CORRECT IN THAT REGARD?

4

5 **SHAKARI BYERLY:** THAT IS CORRECT. AFTER MESSAGING, IT FALLS  
6 BELOW THE TWO-THIRDS THRESHOLD.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE GENERAL IS SAYING 64 PERCENT AFTER  
9 MESSAGING. WHAT IS THAT? IT SAYS NOT APPLICABLE.

10

11 **SHAKARI BYERLY:** WE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY TEST VOTER SUPPORT FOR  
12 A GENERAL PURPOSE MARIJUANA MEASURE FOR HOMELESSNESS WITH AN  
13 ADVISORY MEASURE, SO WE CANNOT SPEAK TO VOTER SUPPORT FOR THAT  
14 SPECIFIC MECHANISM. HOWEVER, AS I STATED IN MY INITIAL  
15 COMMENTS, IT IS OUR OPINION THAT IF THERE ARE HIGH LEVELS OF  
16 SUPPORT FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE MEASURE, THAT THERE WILL LIKELY  
17 BE COMPARABLE LEVELS OF SUPPORT IF THERE IS ADVISORY LANGUAGE  
18 ON THE BALLOT.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MS. BYERLY. MADAME CHAIR, IF  
21 YOU PERMIT, I WANT TO PROCEED WITH THE BALANCE OF MY  
22 QUESTIONS. I HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE C.E.O. AND THEY ARE AS  
23 FOLLOWS: IS IT POSSIBLE TO PINPOINT HOW MUCH REVENUE WOULD BE  
24 GENERATED BY RECREATIONAL AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA TAX UP TO THE



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1 10 PERCENT? IS IT POSSIBLE TO PROJECT THAT? AND IF NOT, WHY  
2 NOT?

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** WELL, I BELIEVE THAT RIGHT NOW, AND IT IS  
5 A SUMMARY, OR IT'S LISTED ON THE CHART, ANYWHERE BETWEEN \$78  
6 MILLION TO \$130 MILLION IS THE PROJECTED DOLLAR AMOUNT. I  
7 DON'T KNOW SPECIFICALLY THAT WE CAN PINPOINT THIS BECAUSE AT  
8 THIS POINT WE'RE NOT SURE HOW MANY BUSINESSES WOULD BE  
9 OPERATED THAT WE COULD ACTUALLY GET THE FUNDING FROM.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE SPEAKS TO "UP TO."  
12 SO DOES THAT "UP TO" 'LANGUAGE MEAN, THEN, THAT IT IS NOT IN  
13 ADDITION TO THE IMPRECISE NATURE, OWING TO NOT KNOWING HOW  
14 MANY BUSINESSES THERE WILL BE, DOES THIS LANGUAGE OF "UP TO"  
15 MEAN THAT IT COULD THEN BE LESS THAN \$80 MILLION OR GOING UP  
16 TO \$32 MILLION?

17

18 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, PHIL ANSELL, DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS  
19 INITIATIVE, THE ESTIMATE WE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD THAT'S  
20 REFLECTED ON THIS SLIDE IS OUR ESTIMATED RANGE IF THE BOARD  
21 WERE TO IMPOSE A TAX OF 10 PERCENT ON BOTH MEDICAL AND  
22 RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA. THAT'S OUR ESTIMATED RANGE OF \$78 TO  
23 \$130 MILLION. THAT'S BASED ON AN AMOUNT PER PERCENTAGE POINT.  
24 SO A RANGE OF 7.8 PERCENT-- \$7.8 MILLION TO \$13 MILLION PER  
25 PERCENTAGE POINT OF TAXATION IF THE BOARD WERE TO ADOPT A



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1 LOWER THAN 10 PERCENT TAX RATE FOR SOME OR ALL MARIJUANA  
2 BUSINESSES, THEN OUR ESTIMATE WOULD BE REDUCED ACCORDINGLY.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO IS THE \$80 TO \$130 NUMBER IS AN  
5 ESTIMATE AT BEST IN CONTRAST TO PARCEL OR E.U.T. THEN WE STILL  
6 HAVE A BIT OF A SLIDING SCALE HERE AS TO "UP TO" THE LANGUAGE  
7 IN THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL, WHICH MEANS THAT IT COULD BE LESS  
8 THAN THE \$80 DEPENDING ON IF YOU MAXIMIZE THE 10 PERCENT.

9

10 **PHIL ANSELL:** CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE NEXT QUESTION IS, DO WE KNOW WHAT THE  
13 ONE TIME AND ONGOING COSTS WOULD BE TO SET UP THE TO  
14 INFRASTRUCTURE TO REGULATE, MONITOR, INSPECT, ENFORCE AND TAX  
15 THE MARIJUANA INDUSTRY, SHOULD IT BE LEGALIZED? DO WE KNOW  
16 WHAT THE COSTS ARE IN THAT REGARD AND WHO WOULD HAVE THOSE  
17 PROJECTIONS?

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE THE COST  
20 PROJECTIONS AT THIS TIME, SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ANY BALLPARK, ANY SENSE OF THAT AT ALL  
23 THAT ANYBODY COULD TELL US WHAT WE'RE CONTEMPLATING?

24

25 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** I DEFER TO--



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO WAY TO KNOW THAT?

3

4 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** SUPERVISOR, ALL WE HAVE ARE COMPARISONS FROM  
5 OTHER COUNTIES OF THE EXPENSES OR COSTS THAT HAVE BEEN  
6 REPORTED. AND THEY'RE AROUND 25 PERCENT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** 25 PERCENT OF?

9

10 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** OF THE REVENUE GENERATED IS THE EXPENSES AND  
11 THE COSTS OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY  
12 MEAN THAT THAT WAS THE COST TO RAMP UP OR PREPARE BEFORE YOU  
13 COLLECTED THE TAX. WE DON'T HAVE THOSE FIGURES.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DO WE KNOW THE COST TO THE COUNTY'S HEALTH  
16 ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER SYSTEMS THAT WOULD RESULT FROM THE  
17 LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA SHOULD WE GO FORWARD WITH AN  
18 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN? DO WE HAVE ANY NUMBERS THERE AT THIS  
19 TIME?

20

21 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** SUPERVISOR, CYNTHIA HARDING, INTERIM DIRECTOR  
22 FOR PUBLIC HEALTH. I DO NOT HAVE THOSE NUMBERS TO SHARE AT  
23 THIS TIME.

24



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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MY ADDITIONAL QUESTION TO THE C.E.O., IS  
2    THERE MONEY IN THE BUDGET TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING PUBLIC HEALTH  
3    COSTS AND OTHER IMPACTS OF THIS AT THIS POINT IN TIME?

4

5    **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** AT THIS TIME WE HAVE NOT PUT ANYTHING IN  
6    THE BUDGET.

7

8    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO ASSUMING-- AND I ASSUME THAT'S  
9    PREDICATED ON NOT KNOWING WHAT THE PROJECTIONS WOULD BE?

10

11    **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** CORRECT.

12

13    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE HAVEN'T ACCOUNTED FOR WHAT THE EXPENSES  
14    MAY BE.

15

16    **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** CORRECT.

17

18    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** QUESTION OF COUNTY COUNSEL, WITH THE ADULT  
19    USE OF MARIJUANA, ASSUMING THAT THERE WOULD BE PASSAGE, WE  
20    DON'T KNOW THAT, BUT LET'S ASSUME FOR PURPOSE OF CONVERSATION  
21    IT DOES, THE EARLIEST TAX ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA THAT COULD  
22    BE COLLECTED IN ALL THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT NEEDS TO BE IN  
23    PLACE WOULD BE?

24





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1   **JUDY WHITEHURST:** JANUARY 1, 2018, BECAUSE BEFORE THAT, NO  
2   RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS WILL BE ABLE TO OPERATE IN THE  
3   STATE OF CALIFORNIA BECAUSE THE STATE WILL NOT HAVE ISSUED ANY  
4   STATE LICENSES.

5

6   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND SO THE NUMBERS THAT WE'RE TALKING  
7   ABOUT IN TERMS OF THE ESTIMATES, \$80 TO \$130, DON'T GET  
8   REALIZED UNTIL JANUARY OF 2018 AT THE EARLIEST,

9

10   **JUDY WHITEHURST:** FOR RECREATIONAL.

11

12   **SUP. RIDLEY THOMAS:** FOR RECREATION. AND THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
13   PROJECTIONS, I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ARTICULATED IN  
14   THE PRESENTATION. AND IF THEY HAVE, PERHAPS, BUT THEY'RE NOT  
15   IN THE PRESENTATION AT THIS POINT, IS THAT CORRECT?

16

17   **PHIL ANSELL:** THEY ARE NOT IN TODAY'S PRESENTATION. TODAY'S  
18   PRESENTATION HAS THE SUM OF MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL. HOWEVER,  
19   IN OUR MEMO TO THE BOARD ON MAY 25TH, WE DID SEPARATELY  
20   IDENTIFY AN ESTIMATE FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA OF \$13 MILLION  
21   ANNUALLY BASED ON A 10 PERCENT TAX RATE.

22

23   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT ACCOUNTS FOR THE EXEMPTIONS AND THE  
24   LIKE THAT ARE ATTACHED TO THE USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND  
25   WHAT ALL THOSE ISSUES ARE?



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2 **PHIL ANSELL:** UNDER THE BOTH CURRENT LAW UNDER M.M.R.S.A. AND  
3 THE ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA ACT, THE COUNTY HAS THE ABILITY TO  
4 SEEK VOTER APPROVAL OF A BUSINESS LICENSE TAX ON MEDICAL  
5 MARIJUANA, AND THIS ESTIMATE WAS BASED ON THAT, APPLYING 10  
6 PERCENT TO INFORMATION FROM THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION ON  
7 MEDICAL MARIJUANA SALES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE ADDITIONAL QUESTION I WANT TO POSE IS  
10 ABOUT THIS CASH-BASED BUSINESS. I THINK COUNTY COUNSEL CAME  
11 FORWARD WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT THEY'LL SET UP AN OPERATION  
12 ON THE FIRST FLOOR AT ONE OF THE COUNTERS. ARE WE TO  
13 UNDERSTAND, THEN, THAT THERE WOULD BE CASH TRANSACTIONS THERE?  
14 THAT PEOPLE WOULD WALK IN WITH LARGE SUMS OF WHATEVER THEY'VE  
15 BEEN ABLE TO GENERATE PURSUANT TO THE TRANSACTIONS?

16

17 **JOSEPH KELLY:** GOOD MORNING. JOE KELLY, TREASURER AND TAX  
18 COLLECTOR. WE ENVISIONED THAT THE DISPENSERS OR OPERATORS WILL  
19 PAY THE COUNTY TAX TO ME IN CASH AT THE CASHIERING OPERATION  
20 ON THIS FLOOR, AND I WOULD UNDERTAKE A SECURITY REVIEW TO  
21 DETERMINE WHATEVER I WOULD NEED TO-- WHATEVER OPERATIONAL  
22 CHANGES I WOULD NEED TO MAKE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MY STAFF  
23 AND THOSE CONSTITUENTS WHO USE THE CASHIERING OPERATION FOR  
24 OTHER PURPOSES.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHAT ABOUT THE 88 CITIES? THE QUESTION I  
2    WANT TO POSE THERE IS, WOULDN'T YOU NEED TO WORK WITH THOSE  
3    CITIES TO DEVELOP A UNIFORM APPROACH TO THE REGULATION? MAYBE  
4    THAT'S A QUESTION THAT WE NEED TO GET SOME FEEDBACK ON,  
5    PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
6    INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PUT THE  
7    TAXATION AS WELL AS THE REGULATORY INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE.

8

9    **JOSEPH KELLY:** IN RESPECT TO THE TAXATION, THE PROPOSAL IS THAT  
10   I WOULD DEVELOP WHATEVER ADMINISTRATIVE RULES THAT ARE  
11   NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE BUSINESS TAX AND BECAUSE THIS WOULD  
12   BE A COUNTY FRAMEWORK, THAT WOULD BE A RESPONSIBILITY THAT  
13   WOULD BE SOLELY MINE.

14

15   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** SUPERVISOR, IF YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE LAND  
16   USE REGULATION, EACH CITY WOULD MOST PROBABLY DEVELOP ITS OWN  
17   LAND USE REGULATION, MUCH LIKE IT DEVELOPS ITS OWN ZONING CODE  
18   AND THEY WOULD BE PARTICULAR TO THEIR OWN CIRCUMSTANCES AND  
19   ADOPTED BY THEIR OWN CITY COUNCIL. SO THERE COULD BE 88  
20   VARIATIONS.

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22   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** 88 VARIATIONS, HYPOTHETICALLY.

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1   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** EACH COMMUNITY COULD DEVELOP ITS OWN ZONING  
2   LAW PECULIAR TO ITS OWN SITUATION AND IT WOULD BE FREE TO DO  
3   SO.

4

5   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHILE YOU HAVE THE MICROPHONE, MR.  
6   BRUCKNER, FROM A REGIONAL PLANNING PERSPECTIVE, STUDIES SHOW  
7   THE STATE'S MOST OF THE MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES GROWING AND  
8   PROCESSING FACILITIES ARE LOCATED IN COMMUNITIES WITH LOWER  
9   SOCIOECONOMICS AND IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS. WHAT LAND USE  
10   PROTECTIONS ARE YOU PROPOSING OR CONSIDERING THAT WOULD  
11   ADDRESS THESE QUESTIONS? I HAVE A PARALLEL SET OF QUESTIONS  
12   FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN THIS REGARD.

13

14   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** IF THE BOARD WERE TO DIRECT US TO DEVELOP  
15   ZONING CODES FOR RECREATIONAL OR MEDICAL MARIJUANA, WE COULD  
16   CERTAINLY HAVE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS. WE WOULD LOOK TO THE  
17   EXPERIENCES, ALTHOUGH SPARSE, IN COLORADO, WASHINGTON, OREGON  
18   AND ALSO OUR OWN EXPERIENCES WITH PERHAPS ALCOHOL SALES OR  
19   ADULT NIGHT CLUBS AND SUCH TO ENSURE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS AND  
20   UNDUE-- THAT THERE WOULDN'T BE UNDUE CONCENTRATIONS.

21

22   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THE QUESTION THAT FOLLOWS-- I'M BEING  
23   DISTRACTED OVER HERE-- CAN YOU REASONABLY ESTIMATE THE NUMBER  
24   OF FACILITIES THAT WOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR BOTH CULTIVATION



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1 AS WELL AS DISPENSARIES COUNTYWIDE? ANY NOTION THAT YOU'RE  
2 ENTERTAINING AT THIS MOMENT?

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4 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** NO, SIR. BECAUSE AS I SAID EARLIER, EACH  
5 INDIVIDUAL CITY WOULD HAVE ITS OWN APPROACH TO RETAIL SALES  
6 CULTIVATION AND DISTRIBUTION AND PERHAPS TESTING LABS AS WELL.  
7 SO IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE THAT.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. BRUCKNER, WHO DO YOU LOOK TO FOR  
10 MODELS TO ADDRESS ANY OF THIS? AND DO WE HAVE SATISFACTORY  
11 ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS IN PLACE THAT DEAL WITH THE  
12 ANTICIPATED ADVERSE IMPACTS ON COMMUNITIES THAT ARE IDENTIFIED  
13 WITH A LOWER SOCIONOMIC, ECONOMIC STATUS, ET CETERA, ET  
14 CETERA? ARE WE ABLE TO SAY THAT THERE ARE SUCCESSFUL MODELS  
15 THAT HAVE ADDRESSED THIS? AND IF SO, WHO ARE THEY?

16

17 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** SUPERVISOR, THIS IS AN EMERGING LAND USE AND  
18 THERE ISN'T A LOT OF BACKGROUND DATA. WE HAVE CERTAINLY LOOKED  
19 TO THE COUPLE OF YEARS IN COLORADO, WASHINGTON, OREGON AND OUR  
20 COLLEAGUES UP NORTH, BUT IT'S FAIRLY SPARSE.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MY  
23 QUESTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS. YOU JUST RELEASED A PAPER LATE  
24 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ON THE PUBLIC IMPACTS OF MARIJUANA AND THE  
25 IMPORTANCE OF A CAREFUL APPROACH TO NOT ONLY LEGALIZATION BUT



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1 TAXATION. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD TELL US ABOUT THE--  
2 YOUR ANALYSIS, HOW YOU GOT THERE, AND WHAT THE IMPORT OF THAT  
3 IS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THAT'S WORTH OUR BOARD AND OUR  
4 AUDIENCE BEING MADE PRIVY TO.

5

6 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, CYNTHIA HARDING,  
7 INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THE PURPOSE  
8 OF THE BRIEF WE RELEASED YESTERDAY WAS TO LAY OUT SOME GENERAL  
9 ISSUES THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED AS THE BOARD THINKS ABOUT  
10 LEGALIZATION, REGULATION AND TAXATION OF MARIJUANA. AND A  
11 COUPLE OF THINGS, JUST WE KNOW THAT MARIJUANA IS THE MOST  
12 WIDELY USED ILLEGAL DRUG IN THE UNITED STATES. MEDICAL  
13 MARIJUANA HAS BEEN LEGAL AS WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IN  
14 CALIFORNIA AND HAS BEEN USED FOR PROMISING RESULTS FOR A  
15 TREATMENT OF NUMBER OF CONDITIONS. HOWEVER, CHRONIC MARIJUANA  
16 USE IS OF CONCERN BECAUSE IT CAN LEAD TO ADDICTION. AND WE'RE  
17 PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT DEPENDENCY INCREASING AS THE AGE  
18 OF INITIATION DROPS. SO WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT ADOLESCENT USE  
19 OF MARIJUANA AS IT CAN RESULT IN IMPAIRED BRAIN DEVELOPMENT  
20 AND AFFECT LEARNING AND MEMORY AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT.  
21 WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT-- AND WE HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL THINK  
22 CAREFULLY ABOUT-- HOW LEGALIZATION COULD POTENTIALLY  
23 EXACERBATE SOME OF THE INEQUITIES IN VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES  
24 THAT WE CURRENTLY SEE WITH HIGH LEVELS OF CRIME AND  
25 HOMELESSNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND OTHER PUBLIC



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1 HEALTH ISSUES. SO WE WANT TO THINK ABOUT THAT IN TERMS OF  
2 REGULATION AND LEGALIZATION SO THAT WE ENSURE THAT THE  
3 LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE DOES NOT CAUSE  
4 GREATER HARM THAN GOOD, ESPECIALLY FOR ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG  
5 PEOPLE. AND WE THINK ABOUT THE KIND OF REGULATION AND TAXATION  
6 STRUCTURE THAT WOULD SUPPORT OUR NEEDS. IF THE VOTERS CHOOSE  
7 TO LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE, WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT  
8 TAXATION. WE KNOW THAT WE DON'T WANT TO TAX IT SO HIGH THAT IT  
9 ENCOURAGES A BLACK MARKET, AN ILLICIT MARKET TO CONTINUE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ON THAT POINT, I WAS A LITTLE STRUCK BY  
12 THE FACT THAT COUNTY COUNSEL SAID IN THE AGGREGATE IT'S  
13 SOMEWHERE AROUND 30 ODD PERCENT?

14

15 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** YES, SUPERVISOR, IT WAS ABOUT 34 PERCENT  
16 TOTAL IF YOU ADDED UP THE STATE, THE LOCAL AND ALL--

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IMPOSED ON DIFFERENT POPULATIONS, HOWEVER,  
19 IS THAT CORRECT? SALES TAX FOR THE STATE BUT BUSINESS TAX FOR  
20 THE COUNTY?

21

22 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** THAT'S CORRECT, YES.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT IN THE AGGREGATE.

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1   **JUDY WHITEHURST:** YES. THE END USER MIGHT END UP PAYING AN  
2   ADDITIONAL 34 PERCENT.

3

4   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, SO ANY SENSE AMONG THE BUDGET GURUS  
5   OR THE SPECIALISTS HERE ASSEMBLED IN THE UNDERGROUND MARKET  
6   WHAT THE TIPPING POINT IS? AT WHAT POINT-- I SAW A HAND OUT  
7   THERE? YEAH. [LAUGHTER.]

8

9   **CYNTHIA HARDING:** I THINK YOUR POINT IS REALLY WELL TAKEN,  
10   SUPERVISOR. WE NEED TO DO ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS ON THIS  
11   PARTICULARLY. RESEARCH IS NEEDED ESPECIALLY TO DETERMINE THE  
12   APPROPRIATE TAXATION LEVEL SO WE DON'T PUSH THINGS OVER TO A  
13   BLACK MARKET AND THAT IT'S TAXED AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL THAT  
14   HELPS TO DEAL WITH THE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND OTHER  
15   PREVENTION THAT WE COULD WITH TAX REVENUE.

16

17   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THEN IS IT A REASONABLE INFERENCE THAT  
18   PUBLIC HEALTH, AS YOU SEEK TO ADVISE US IN THIS REGARD, THAT  
19   WE BE VERY, VERY CONCERNED AND BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT HOW WE  
20   PROCEED WITH THE REGULATION AND THE TAXATION OF MARIJUANA? I  
21   DON'T WANT TO PUT WORDS IN YOUR MOUTH. I NEED YOU TO SAY WHAT  
22   THE POSITION OF PUBLIC HEALTH MIGHT BE IN THIS CONNECTION. I  
23   KNOW WHAT'S BEEN WRITTEN IN YOUR REPORT. IT'S EXPLICIT THAT  
24   THE USE OF MARIJUANA HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE NEGATIVE  
25   IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 RESIDENTS. I'M QUOTING. DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS COMMUNITIES  
2 WITH HIGH LEVELS OF CRIME, HOMELESSNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
3 DISORDERS AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES. LEGALIZATION, YOU  
4 SUGGEST, MAY EXACERBATE THESE INEQUITIES ACROSS COMMUNITIES.  
5 ANY POLICY REGARDING THE REGULATION AND TAXATION OF MARIJUANA  
6 MUST PRIORITIZE THESE COMMUNITIES AND ENSURE THAT MARIJUANA  
7 LEGALIZATION DOES NOT CAUSE GREATER HARM THAN GOOD TO  
8 DISADVANTAGED AND VULNERABLE AREAS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I  
9 QUOTE THE DOCUMENT THAT YOU RELEASED YESTERDAY. MY QUESTION  
10 IS: WHAT SHOULD WE TAKE AWAY FROM THIS IN TERMS OF HOW WE  
11 WOULD MOVE FORWARD FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE? AND IF IN  
12 FACT THIS IS ADVISABLE OR IS CAUTION THAT WHICH WE SHOULD BE  
13 GOVERNED BY?

14

15 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I BELIEVE WE NEED  
16 TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION AS WAS STATED IN THAT REPORT. WE NEED  
17 TO LOOK AT AND LEARN FROM, AS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID, WHAT  
18 COLORADO AND WASHINGTON ARE DOING, LOOK AT WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT  
19 TOBACCO POLICY AND TAXATION OF TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL AND WHAT  
20 WE'VE LEARNED ABOUT THOSE PRODUCTS, AS WELL. THE END STORY  
21 HERE IS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO PROTECT ADOLESCENT YOUTHS. AND WE  
22 NEED TO THINK ABOUT ALL OF THIS IN THAT CONTEXT. SO I THINK  
23 IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE LEARN FROM EXPERIENCES OF OTHER  
24 JURISDICTIONS THAT WE PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY AND CAREFULLY AS WE  
25 THINK ABOUT BOTH REGULATION AND TAXATION IN THIS AREA.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I ALWAYS LOVE  
7 THESE MEETINGS. THEY'RE SO ENTERTAINING TO ME. I FEEL LIKE I'M  
8 AT AN EPISODE OF "REEFER MADNESS" HERE. [LAUGHTER.]

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SPEAK FOR YOURSELF.

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12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOUNG PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT NEVER SAW  
13 "REEFER MADNESS," I REALLY RECOMMEND IT, BECAUSE IT WILL DO  
14 EVERYTHING BUT MAKE YOU GO BLIND AND YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY  
15 ABOUT THAT, AS WELL. I GUESS THE QUESTIONS POSED BY MY  
16 COLLEAGUE ARE VERY FAIR. BECAUSE SO FAR POLLS ARE SHOWING THAT  
17 THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA APPEAR TO BE FAVORABLE, NOTHING IS  
18 EVER GUARANTEED, BUT APPEAR TO BE FAVORABLE ABOUT THE  
19 STATEWIDE INITIATIVE. AS I INDICATED LAST WEEK AND I THINK WE  
20 ALL AGREE, IT'S NECESSARY FOR THE COUNTY TO PREPARE IN THE  
21 CASE THAT THERE MAY BE A LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL  
22 MARIJUANA. THE QUESTION IS HOW TO PREPARE. ONE OF THE  
23 INTERESTING THINGS TO ME ABOUT THE APPROACH OF THIS COUNTRY TO  
24 MARIJUANA AND THE APPROACH TO THIS COUNTRY OF ALCOHOL, IT KIND  
25 OF REMINDS ME A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE WAY WE'VE CRIMINALIZED



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1 AND PUNISHED DIFFERENT KINDS OF COCAINE, DEPENDING ON THE  
2 KINDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE USING THEM. IT'S REALLY KIND OF THE  
3 SAME WITH BOOZE AND WITH MARIJUANA. SPECIFICALLY MARIJUANA.  
4 SPEAKING AS A PERSON AND I'LL SAY IN RECOVERY, I DON'T DO  
5 EITHER OF THEM ANYMORE, BUT THE INDUSTRY THAT TOOK OVER THE  
6 DISTRIBUTION AND MANUFACTURE OF ALCOHOL HAS BEEN VERY, VERY  
7 SUCCESSFUL IN NOT GETTING US TO TAX EVERY DRINK THAT YOU TAKE.  
8 AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE LIONIZE THE CALIFORNIA ALCOHOL  
9 INDUSTRY, OUR WINES, WHICH ARE, YOU KNOW, DISTRIBUTED  
10 WORLDWIDE. AND YET THE EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH OF ALCOHOL IS,  
11 SO FAR AS I CAN TELL, AND MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE MARIJUANA IS MORE  
12 DIFFICULT TO GET, STILL, GREATER, FAR GREATER THAN WHAT WE SEE  
13 IN TERMS OF THE EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH SO FAR OF MARIJUANA.  
14 SO THE QUESTION I THINK FOR THE COUNTY IS: HOW DO WE  
15 SPECIFICALLY PREPARE TO REGULATE IN EVERY WAY EVERY ASPECT OF  
16 A MARIJUANA BUSINESS THAT MAY BE LEGALIZED BY THE STATE.  
17 WHETHER WE BELIEVE IT'S A GOOD THING OR NOT I FRANKLY THINK IF  
18 WE WERE TO CRIMINALIZE ALCOHOL, IT WOULD MAKE IT A LITTLE MORE  
19 EVEN WITH MARIJUANA, BUT I DIDN'T LIKE THE IDEA OF  
20 CRIMINALIZING ANY OF THESE LOW LEVEL DRUGS, TO TELL YOU THE  
21 TRUTH. ONE OF THE BEST THE THINGS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF  
22 LEGALIZING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA IS NOT CRIMINALIZING THE  
23 BEHAVIOR OF SMOKING A JOINT. [APPLAUSE] BECAUSE THE SUFFERING  
24 THAT PEOPLE HAVE GONE THROUGH. AND WE'VE SEEN IT FROM A LOT OF  
25 DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF CRIMINALIZATION. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S



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1 BEEN A PUBLIC HEALTH STUDY ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF ENDLESS  
2 INCARCERATION, GENERATION AFTER GENERATION, ON FAMILIES. BUT  
3 I'LL BET THERE'S A PROBLEM, A LARGE PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM  
4 THERE, TOO. BUT I GUESS WHAT I WANT TO ASK. LET ME ASK ABOUT  
5 THIS ISSUE OF CASH PAYMENT FOR TAXES. IT'S VERY INTERESTING TO  
6 ME. DOES ANYONE EVER COME IN AND PAY CASH FOR TAXES?

7

8 **JOSEPH KELLY:** SUPERVISOR, YES. WE HAVE PROPERTY TAXES ARE THE  
9 MAIN PAYMENTS THAT WE ACCEPT AT THE CASHIER WINDOW. WE HAVE A  
10 GROUP OF FOLKS WHO COME IN ON A REGULAR BASIS EVERY YEAR WITH  
11 SHOPPING BAGS FULL OF CASH TO PAY THEIR PROPERTY TAXES.  
12 HOWEVER THAT'S NOT THE NORM. THAT IS AN EXCEPTION. THIS TAX  
13 WOULD BE DIFFERENT BECAUSE THESE ARE BUSINESSES THAT BANKS  
14 GENERALLY DO NOT BANK, BECAUSE OF THE DISCONNECT WITH FEDERAL  
15 LAW.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'M SORRY, LET ME ASK COUNSEL IS THERE  
18 ANYTHING IN THE INITIATIVE THAT SAYS ANYTHING ABOUT BANKING?

19

20 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** NO, THERE IS NOT.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO ARE WE ASSUMING BANKS WOULD STILL BE  
23 PRECLUDED BECAUSE THEY ARE LICENSED FEDERALLY? THEY WOULD  
24 STILL BE PRECLUDED FROM DEALING--? AND WHAT ABOUT ARE ALL  
25 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS REGULATED THE SAME WAY SO THAT NO ONE



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1 WOULD BE ALLOWED TO DEAL WITH MARIJUANA BUSINESSES EVEN IF THE  
2 BUSINESSES WERE LEGALLY LICENSED?

3

4 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** SUPERVISOR, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT BANKS  
5 THAT ARE FEDERALLY REGULATED, THE FEDERAL LAW WOULD APPLY. I'M  
6 NOT 100 PERCENT CERTAIN ON--

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BECAUSE THERE ARE STATE REGULATED BANKS, AS  
9 WELL THAT ARE NOT FEDERALLY REGULATED?

10

11 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** IT COULD BE STATE CREDIT UNIONS, BUT IT--

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IF I WERE A CREDIT UNION I'D JUMP ON THIS  
14 BUSINESS IN A MINUTE. [LAUGHTER.] REALLY, THINK ABOUT IT.  
15 [APPLAUSE.] I MAY EVEN START ONE WHEN I LEAVE HERE. THE ONLY  
16 THING THAT I FIND INTERESTING ABOUT OUR DISCUSSION, AND I'M  
17 NOT MAKING FUN OF ANY OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. MY WAY TO TALK IS  
18 USUALLY TO LIGHTEN A SITUATION SO THAT PEOPLE ARE AMUSED. BUT,  
19 YOU KNOW, WE UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS OF IT, I'M NOT TRYING  
20 TO MAKE FUN OF ANY OF IT. BUT I'M VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF OUR  
21 PREPARATION FOR SOMETHING THAT WE MAY HAVE TO TAKE INTO  
22 ACCOUNT. AND ALSO I THINK COULD BE VERY HELPFUL FOR US. IF  
23 THERE ARE INCREASED PUBLIC HEALTH COSTS, ONE OF THE WAYS WE  
24 PAY FOR INCREASED COSTS IS WE PUT SOME KIND OF SURCHARGE TAX,  
25 SOMETHING ON WHATEVER'S CAUSING IT. AND, YOU KNOW, WE MADE IT



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1 A LAW THAT YOU HAD TO WEAR A HELMET WHEN YOU WERE RIDING A  
2 MOTORCYCLE BECAUSE YOU WERE COSTING SO DARN MUCH DASHING YOUR  
3 BRAINS OUT WHEN WE TAKE YOU TO OUR HOSPITALS. IT'S A  
4 MISDEMEANOR, BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO WEAR YOUR HELMET. AND I  
5 THINK IN THIS CASE, A NUMBER OF ISSUES-- AND I THINK, PHIL, I  
6 WANT TO ASK YOU, ARE THERE ISSUES OF ADDICTION RELATED TO OUR  
7 HOMELESS POPULATION. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT MARIJUANA, I'M  
8 TALKING ABOUT ANY KIND YOU CAN THINK OF.

9

10 **PHIL ANSELL:** YES, SUPERVISOR, THE 2016 HOMELESS COUNT  
11 CONDUCTED BY THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY,  
12 WHICH IS A COUNTY-WIDE COUNT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GLENDALE,  
13 PASADENA AND LONG BEACH, FOUND THAT APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT  
14 OF THE COUNTY HOMELESS POPULATION HAS A SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
15 PROBLEM.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND DID THEY DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE  
18 VARIOUS KINDS OF SUBSTANCES? OR WAS IT JUST, YOU HAVE AN  
19 ALCOHOL PROBLEM, YOU HAVE A DRUG PROBLEM.

20

21 **PHIL ANSELL:** TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION, THE DATA THAT I'M  
22 AWARE OF DID NOT DIFFERENTIATE.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BUT IT INCLUDED ALCOHOLISM.

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1   **PHIL ANSELL:** CERTAINLY.

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3   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO IT WOULD NOT BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR US TO  
4   DEVOTE ANY TAX THAT WE MAY DECIDE TO PLACE ON BUSINESSES  
5   PROFITING FROM THE SALE OF MARIJUANA, IT WOULD NOT BE  
6   INAPPROPRIATE TO FIND A NEXUS WITH EXPENDITURES FOR SUBSTANCE  
7   ABUSE TREATMENT FOR OUR HOMELESS POPULATION, IS THAT CORRECT?  
8   THAT WAS A DIRECTED QUESTION.

9

10   **PHIL ANSELL:** BASED ON THE DATA FROM LOS ANGELES HOMELESS  
11   SERVICES AUTHORITY, I THINK IT WOULD NOT BE INCORRECT TO  
12   IDENTIFY A CERTAIN NEXUS THERE WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THAT DATA  
13   AT LEAST DOES NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN MARIJUANA AND OTHER  
14   SUBSTANCES.

15

16   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DOES SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT  
17   DIFFERENTIATE? IT'S KIND OF LIKE YOU COME TO-- HAVE WE MOVED  
18   IT OUT OF PUBLIC HEALTH? WE HAVE. INTO AGENCY? SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
19   TREATMENT? WHATEVER. YOU COME FOR TREATMENT AND YOU GET  
20   TREATMENT, RIGHT? IT'S NOT LIKE "OH, WE DON'T HANDLE PEOPLE  
21   HERE WHO ARE ADDICTED TO ALCOHOL."

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23   **PHIL ANSELL:** I WOULD DEFER TO CYNTHIA HARDING ON THAT  
24   QUESTION.

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1    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I WOULD, TOO.

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3    **CYNTHIA HARDING:** YOU ARE CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. WE RECEIVE  
4    ANYBODY WHO NEEDS TREATMENT REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE SUBSTANCE  
5    THEY'RE USING IS.

6

7    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO I GUESS MY FINAL QUESTION, PHIL, IF I  
8    MAY, I WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON WHAT MY COLLEAGUE ASKED ABOUT HOW  
9    MUCH MONEY MIGHT BE GENERATED, BECAUSE I NOTICED FROM THE  
10    PRESENTATION, IT KIND OF INCREASES AS THEY GO ALONG IN THE  
11    OTHER STATES, AS PEOPLE THINK "OH, I CAN GO BUY THIS STUFF AND  
12    NOT GET ARRESTED SO MAYBE I WILL." BUT YOUR ESTIMATE ON THE  
13    LOW END OF \$80 MILLION A YEAR, DID I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU  
14    ESTIMATED THAT BASED ON THE BUSINESS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA?

15

16    **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, IN OUR MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD ON MAY  
17    25TH, RESPONDING TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION OF MAY 17TH, WE  
18    PROVIDED AN ESTIMATE OF THE POTENTIAL TAX REVENUE FOR BOTH  
19    MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA AND DESCRIBED A  
20    METHODOLOGY. IN THAT MEMO, WE STATED THAT THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL  
21    UNCERTAINTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTIMATE OF THE REVENUE THAT  
22    COULD BE GENERATED FOR A SERIES OF REASONS. THE ONLY HARD DATA  
23    POINT THAT WAS AVAILABLE TO US IS THE AMOUNT OF MEDICAL  
24    MARIJUANA SALES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY BECAUSE THAT IS  
25    AVAILABLE FROM THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. SO WE HAVE A SOLID



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1 ESTIMATE AS TO THE TAX REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED ON  
2 MEDICAL MARIJUANA, ABSENT THE POSSIBILITY THAT DIFFERENTIAL  
3 TAX RATES BETWEEN MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA MIGHT  
4 INCREASE MEDICAL MARIJUANA SALES. BUT TAKING-- BASED ON  
5 CURRENT MEDICAL MARIJUANA REVENUE, WE WERE ABLE-- OR SALES, WE  
6 WERE ABLE TO ESTIMATE THAT. SO THE QUESTION, THEN, THE  
7 CHALLENGE IS HOW TO GO FROM THAT KNOWN NUMBER TO ESTIMATE THE  
8 REVENUE THAT COULD BE GENERATED.

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WHAT WAS THE KNOWN NUMBER IN THE LAST YEAR  
11 COLLECTED?

12

13 **PHIL ANSELL:** OUR ESTIMATE WAS \$13 MILLION BASED ON A 10  
14 PERCENT TAX. SO THAT WAS BASED ON \$130 MILLION IN SALES.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT WAS SALES ONLY, NOT CULTIVATION OR  
17 DISTRIBUTION?

18

19 **PHIL ANSELL:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT. THAT WAS BASED ONLY ON THE  
20 END USER AMOUNT. SO TO THE EXTENT THAT THE TAX WERE IMPOSED  
21 UPSTREAM IN THE PRODUCTION PROCESS, AS WELL, THAT COULD  
22 GENERATE ADDITIONAL REVENUE. THOUGH I WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT  
23 THAT WOULD THEN INCREASE THE AGGREGATE TAX IMPACT FOR THE END-  
24 USERS AND POTENTIALLY RESULT IN GREATER SALES IN THE ILLICIT  
25 MARKET. SO THERE IS THAT TRADEOFF AND THERE'S SPECULATION AS



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1 TO WHERE THAT OPTIMIZATION POINT WOULD BE. BUT WITH RESPECT TO  
2 OUR ESTIMATE ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, WE LOOK TO AN ESTIMATE  
3 WE COULD FIND. THE BEST ESTIMATE WE COULD FIND OF THE TOTAL  
4 RETAIL VALUE OF THE CALIFORNIA MARIJUANA INDUSTRY, WHICH WAS  
5 \$3 TO \$5 BILLION. WE THEN COMPARED THAT TO THE KNOWN STATEWIDE  
6 NUMBER OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND ESTABLISHED A RATIO. AND THEN  
7 BASED ON THAT, WE ESTIMATED THAT THE TAX PER PERCENTAGE POINT  
8 FOR RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA WOULD BE 5 TO 9 TIMES THE TAX THAT  
9 WOULD BE GENERATED FOR RECREATIONAL COMPARED TO MEDICAL  
10 MARIJUANA.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DID YOU SAY THERE WAS A CURRENTLY KNOWN  
13 NUMBER FOR THE TOTAL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY IN CALIFORNIA?

14

15 **PHIL ANSELL:** IT IS NOT A KNOWN NUMBER. THERE IS AN ESTIMATE OF  
16 \$3 TO \$5 BILLION.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BILLION.

19

20 **PHIL ANSELL:** BILLION. BUT THAT IS-- FIRST, THAT'S A BIG RANGE,  
21 \$3 TO \$5 BILLION. THERE'S SUBSTANTIAL UNCERTAINTY BECAUSE WITH  
22 THE EXCEPTION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA, IT'S AN ILLICIT MARKET.  
23 AND ADDITIONALLY AS WE NOTED IN OUR MEMO, WE DON'T KNOW TO  
24 WHAT EXTENT THE ILLICIT MARKET WOULD CONTINUE NOR TO WHAT  
25 EXTENT THE CONTINUATION OF THE ILLICIT MARKET MAY BE



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1 INFLUENCED BY THE RATE OF TAXATION. SO OUR ESTIMATE ASSUMED  
2 EXPLICITLY THE ELIMINATION OF THE ILLICIT MARKET. IN OTHER  
3 WORDS, WE SAID IF 100 PERCENT OF THE NON-MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
4 SALES WERE TO BE LEGAL RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, THIS IS THE  
5 ESTIMATED TAX REVENUE. SO THERE ARE-- IN SUM, THERE IS A RANGE  
6 OF UNCERTAINTY ASSOCIATED BOTH WITH THE CURRENT SIZE OF THE  
7 MARKET AND THE PERCENTAGE OF THE MARKET THAT WOULD GO REMAIN  
8 ILLICIT AND THE PERCENTAGE OF THE OTHERWISE RECREATIONAL  
9 MARKET THAT MIGHT MIGRATE TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA BASED ON  
10 DIFFERENTIAL STATE TAX RATES.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THIS MAY BE KNOWN BETTER BY PEOPLE IN THE  
13 AUDIENCE WHO MIGHT NOT WANT TO TESTIFY THAT THEY KNOW BETTER  
14 ABOUT IT, BUT HOW DOES THE PRICE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMPARE  
15 TO THE ILLICIT MARKET? I MEAN IN THE OLD, OLD DAYS, EVERYTHING  
16 WAS VERY CHEAP. BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT CURRENTLY IN THE  
17 ILLICIT MARKET, THE PRODUCT IS MUCH STRONGER AND THE PRICE IS  
18 MUCH HIGHER. BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT COMPARES TO MEDICAL  
19 MARIJUANA WHEN YOU GO AND BUY IT LEGALLY WITH A PRESCRIPTION.  
20 SO I'M NOT CERTAIN IF ANY OF YOU KNOWS OR IF YOU WOULD ADMIT  
21 KNOWING. BUT I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHETHER LEGALIZING  
22 SOMETHING BRINGS THE PRICE DOWN BECAUSE OFTEN WHEN YOU HAVE  
23 TO-- YOU KNOW THE RISK INCLUDED WOULD KIND OF RAISE THE PRICE.  
24 AND YOU WOULD PAY WHATEVER WAS ASKED IF YOU WANTED TO GET IT.  
25 BUT I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY KNOWS. OKAY. NOBODY'S GOING TO SAY



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1 THEY KNOW. [LAUGHTER.] SO WE'LL JUST SPECULATE. THANK YOU,  
2 MADAME CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAD SOME  
5 QUESTIONS.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THE PROBLEM WE HAVE OF COURSE  
8 TODAY IS THE REPORT THAT'S BEING PRESENTED IS INCOMPLETE. IT  
9 FAILED TO INCLUDE HOW LEGALIZATION AFFECTS FAMILIES,  
10 INDIVIDUALS IN SOCIETY ALONG WITH THE CONCERN THAT THIS  
11 DECISION ON-- DISCUSSION ON MARIJUANA IS TOO NARROW, NOT FULLY  
12 THOUGHT OUT. WE ALL KNOW THERE ARE LOTS OF ACTIVITIES THAT CAN  
13 GENERATE REVENUES, AND WE HAVE A VERY SERIOUS OBLIGATION TO  
14 ENSURE WHAT THOSE ARE. SO TO HAVE THIS INTELLIGENT DISCUSSION,  
15 WE NEED THAT FULL REPORT, NOT TO GUESS WHAT COULD HAPPEN  
16 BECAUSE WE HAVE STATES THAT HAVE ALREADY LEGALIZED MARIJUANA.  
17 FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, THE NUMBER OF YOUTH  
18 BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 17 WHO HAD SEIZURES TRIPLED, NEARLY  
19 TRIPLED, WENT FROM 28 PERCENT TO 74 PERCENT. THE CALLS TO THIS  
20 WASHINGTON POISON CENTER BY YOUTH UNDER 20 SHOT UP BY 80  
21 PERCENT. SO THERE'S A SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEM THERE. ANOTHER  
22 PROBLEM RELATIVE TO THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURE AND THE  
23 TESTING IS HOW IT RUNS COUNTER TO OUR PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH  
24 ON DRUG POLICIES. MARIJUANA IS THE SECOND LEADING SUBSTANCE  
25 FOR PEOPLE RECEIVING DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND A MAJOR CAUSE



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1 FOR CASELOADS IN OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS. EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT  
2 MARIJUANA IS TIED TO DEPENDENCE AND ADDICTION, A PROBLEM THAT  
3 CAN BECOME A VERY MAJOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY THREAT. IT  
4 UNDERMINES ONCE AGAIN THE PREVENTATIVE HEALTH STRATEGIES,  
5 WHICH IS THE CORNERSTONE OF HOW WE IMPROVE OVERALL PUBLIC  
6 HEALTH. SO THIS IMPACT DOES INCREASE AVAILABILITY AND HEIGHTEN  
7 THE NEGATIVE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES ESPECIALLY AMONG OUR YOUTH.  
8 THE STUDIES INDICATE THAT THE POTENCY OF THE MARIJUANA TODAY  
9 IS TRIPLE OF THAT FROM THE PAST 20 YEARS, WHICH WHAT ARE NOW  
10 GOING TO BE THE LONG TERM IMPACTS ON THOSE USING TODAY'S  
11 HIGHLY POTENT MARIJUANA IN YEARS AHEAD? IT'S GOING TO BE A  
12 DEPENDENCY BY THE TAXPAYERS TO PAY FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN  
13 OUR HEALTH INSTITUTIONS. SO WE NEED DATA ON THE IMPACTS. I  
14 KNOW IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, THE NUMBER OF FATAL ACCIDENTS  
15 INCREASED BY 120 PERCENT. 120 PERCENT. IN COLORADO, MARIJUANA-  
16 RELATED TRAFFIC DEATHS INCREASED 92 PERCENT AFTER  
17 LEGALIZATION. SO ISSUES RELATED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE  
18 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, AGAIN THEY HAD BEEN RAISED IN THE PAST  
19 RELATIVE TO THE ISSUES OF WATER, THE GROUND WATER QUALITY ON  
20 OUR LOCAL WATERWAYS, HOW THIS ENDANGERS THE LIVES OF OUR  
21 CHILDREN WHO PLAY ON THE STREETS OR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
22 AGENCIES THAT DEAL WITH THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF MARIJUANA. SO  
23 IT CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY ASSESSED BY THE BOARD UNTIL WE HAVE A  
24 COMPREHENSIVE STUDY THAT GIVES US THIS INFORMATION. I'D LIKE  
25 TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I KNOW WE





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1 HAVE SOME REPRESENTATIVES HERE ON THIS ISSUE. RICHARD, THANK  
2 YOU FOR ATTENDING TODAY'S HEARING. BUT THERE'S FOUR QUESTIONS  
3 I HAVE. ONE, COULD YOU DESCRIBE THE EXTEND TO WHICH YOU AND  
4 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THE IMPACTS  
5 AMERICA'S-- I SHOULD SAY THE IMPACTS OF MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION  
6 IN OUR OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY?

7

8 **GLEN WALSH:** YES, SIR. AND GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GLEN WALSH.  
9 I'M A SERGEANT FOR L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SCIENCE  
10 AND NARCOTICS BUREAU. IF WE LOOK SPECIFICALLY AT YOUR  
11 QUESTION, MYSELF AND SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NARCOTICS  
12 BUREAU HAVE TRAINED AND ATTENDED TRAINING IN AT LEAST HALF A  
13 DOZEN STATES TO INCLUDE COLORADO AND WASHINGTON. IF WE LOOK  
14 SPECIFICALLY AT COLORADO, I HAVE ATTENDED TWO CONFERENCES  
15 SINCE LEGALIZATION. ONE WAS PUT ON BY C.D.I.A., WHICH IS THE  
16 CALIFORNIA DRUG INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION. ONE WAS PUT ON BY  
17 THE CHIEF OF POLICE ASSOCIATION. AND IT WAS CALLED "TWO YEARS  
18 AFTER LEGALIZATION: DEALING WITH THE IMPACT." ALSO, MYSELF AND  
19 ANOTHER MEMBER OF NARCOTICS BUREAU ARE PART OF A NATIONAL WIDE  
20 WORKING GROUP THAT IS RAN BY C.D.I.A., THE COLORADO DRUG  
21 INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION, TO LOOK SPECIFICALLY TO SOUND DRUG  
22 POLICY AND HOW MARIJUANA, WHETHER IT'S RECREATIONAL OR  
23 MEDICAL, INTEGRATE INTO A SOUND DRUG POLICY AND THE RISKS THAT  
24 IT POSED TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND CAN YOU SHARE SOME OF THOSE IMPACTS WITH  
2   THE BOARD TODAY AND THE PUBLIC?

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4   **GLEN WALSH:** YES, SIR. I WOULD LIKE TO START WITH A QUOTE  
5   ACTUALLY. BOTH THE STATE OF WASHINGTON AND THE STATE OF  
6   COLORADO HAVE PRODUCED REPORTS REGARDING THE SOCIAL COSTS  
7   DEALING WITH IT. ONE RECENTLY PUBLISHED BY THE STATE OF  
8   WASHINGTON TO QUOTE DAVID RODRIGUEZ WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE  
9   DIRECTOR OF THE NORTHWEST HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA  
10   COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS H.I.D.T.A., SAID DATA COMPILED IN THIS  
11   REPORT SHOWS THAT THE DECISION TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA WAS NOT  
12   WITHOUT HARM. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY OF THE REPORTED OUTCOMES  
13   SHOW THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF THE GOALS THAT WERE SOLD IN THE  
14   INITIATIVE TO VOTERS. WE NOW SEE CLEARLY THAT MARIJUANA IS  
15   INCREASINGLY HURTING OUR YOUTH. BLACK MARKET SALES HAVE NOT  
16   DISAPPEARED. THE AMOUNT OF CRIME DUE TO MARIJUANA HAS ACTUALLY  
17   GONE UP. AND WASHINGTON HAS BECOME A NET EXPORTER OF CANNABIS  
18   TO OTHER STATES. IF WE LOOK AT COLORADO, THEY HAVE PRODUCED  
19   SIMILAR REPORTS. THEY ALMOST MIRROR EACH OTHER. ALL THE TREND  
20   LINES FOR SOCIAL ISSUES REGARDING MARIJUANA ARE DEFINITELY  
21   TRENDING UP. WE TALKED ABOUT YOUTH AND THE LADY FROM THE  
22   DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SPOKE ELOQUENTLY ABOUT THE THREATS  
23   POSED TO OUR YOUTH. SPECIFICALLY IF WE LOOK AT COLORADO BEFORE  
24   LEGALIZATION, THEY WERE FOURTH IN THE NATION FOR WHAT'S CALLED  
25   PAST MONTH USE, ANYONE 17 YEARS AND UNDER. CURRENTLY THEY ARE



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1 NUMBER 1 IN THE NATION FOR PAST MONTH USE. THAT'S JUST AN  
2 EXAMPLE OF THE TWO DIFFERENT STATES THERE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW QUICKLY COULD YOU PROVIDE OUR BOARD AND  
5 THE PUBLIC THE REPORT THAT YOU ARE WORKING ON?

6

7 **GLEN WALSH:** I HAVE BOTH COLORADO'S AND THEY'VE HAD SEVERAL  
8 REPORTS AND WASHINGTON'S REPORT WITH ME TODAY THAT I'M MORE  
9 THAN HAPPY TO GIVE YOU ELECTRONICALLY. EACH OF THEM, THOUGH,  
10 ARE OVER 170 PAGES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO EXTRACT DATA OUT  
11 OF THERE TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO READ, THAT WILL TAKE ME  
12 SEVERAL-- AT LEAST FEW IF NOT SEVERAL DAYS, SIR.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD SUGGEST YOU EXTRACT AND THEN AT THE  
15 END OF YOUR ELECTRONIC EMAIL WHERE WE CAN ACCESS THE 170 PAGES  
16 SO THAT AT LEAST WE CAN GET THAT INFORMATION IN A SHORTER  
17 VERSION BEFORE WE LOOK AT THE 170 PAGES.

18

19 **GLEN WALSH:** I WILL DEFINITELY MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE BOTH THE  
20 REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON AND COLORADO TODAY AND I'LL EXTRACT  
21 INFORMATION AND GET IT TO YOU HOPEFULLY BY THE END OF THE  
22 WEEK.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AND DO YOU HAVE A SENSE OF THE  
25 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT RESOURCES TO CONDUCT THESE



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1 PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT AND THE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES THAT WOULD  
2 BE NEEDED IF A BALLOT INITIATIVE WOULD PASS?

3

4 **ROD KUSCH:** I'D LIKE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION. BUT IN KEEPING  
5 WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S LIGHTHEARTEDNESS, MY NAME IS ROD KUSCH  
6 FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT'S SPELLED SLIGHTLY  
7 DIFFERENT, K-U-S-C-H. I'M A COMMANDER WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
8 DETECTIVE DIVISION. I OVERSEE NARCOTICS BUREAU AMONG OTHER  
9 BUREAUS AS WELL. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THREE WORDS THAT YOU'VE  
10 ALREADY HEARD THIS MORNING AND ONE IS BAN THE OTHER IS  
11 REGULATE AND THE LAST IS SAFETY. IT REALLY DEPENDS A LITTLE  
12 BIT ON WHAT THE COUNTY'S TAKE IS IN THE END. IF THERE'S A BAN  
13 THERE'S CERTAIN ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS THAT ARE UNDERTAKEN. IF  
14 THERE'S REGULATION, THERE'S DIFFERENT ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS THAT  
15 ARE UNDERTAKEN. BUT ALL OF THEM ARE REALLY CENTERED ON PUBLIC  
16 SAFETY. YOU READ SOME STATISTICS ABOUT JUST THE INCREASES IN  
17 COLLISIONS OR DEATHS AS A RESULT OF COLLISIONS. AND THAT'S A  
18 TOPIC THAT'S SEPARATE FROM DISPENSARIES OR RECREATIONAL USE,  
19 ET CETERA. BUT IT'S STILL AN ENFORCEMENT EFFORT. SO IT'S A  
20 LITTLE TOO EARLY TO TELL WHAT EXACT IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON  
21 ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY FOR THE COUNTY BUT IT KIND OF DEPENDS  
22 WHETHER THERE'S BANS, WHETHER THERE'S REGULATIONS. WE'D ALL  
23 AGREE THERE WILL BE SOME INCREASE NECESSARY IN HOW WE APPROACH  
24 ENFORCING LAWS AND KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW THERE'S INDIVIDUALS THINK THAT PERHAPS  
2    A TAX ON MARIJUANA WILL PROVIDE REVENUES THAT WILL ADDRESS THE  
3    ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. BUT AS THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS IS  
4    BASICALLY BROKEN DOWN INTO FOUR PARTS AND THAT'S THOSE WHO ARE  
5    ADDICTED TO DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR MENTALLY ILL OR THOSE WHO ARE  
6    ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED. THIS PAST SUNDAY I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY  
7    TAKING MY FAMILY TO THE MIDNIGHT MISSION. LARRY ADAMSON WAS  
8    RETIRING AFTER 18 YEARS. HE HAS DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB THERE.  
9    AND THE WONDERFUL WORK THAT THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH  
10    THEIR DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IS REMARKABLE.  
11    AND MY LITTLE DAUGHTER COMMENTED IN LIGHT OF THE PEOPLE WERE  
12    OUT ON THE TENTS OUTSIDE, DOWN SKID ROW AND I EXPLAINED THAT  
13    WE HAVE A LOT OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO ARE  
14    ADDICTED TO DRUGS AND ALCOHOL, THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL. BUT  
15    THE LAWS PRECLUDE REQUIRED TREATMENT TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE  
16    COULD BE STABILIZED AND BACK ON THEIR FEET. SO WE NEED TO HAVE  
17    CHANGES THAT WE CAN'T IMPLEMENT AT THIS LEVEL. WE CAN HELP  
18    THOSE WHO ARE ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED. WE CAN HELP THEM WITH  
19    HOUSING, JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. BUT THE MENTALLY ILL, THE  
20    DRUG ADDICT, THE ALCOHOLIC, WE CAN'T HELP THEM. BUT WE CAN  
21    PROVIDE REQUIRED MANDATED SERVICES THAT ARE REQUIRED BY--  
22    LET'S SAY LEGISLATED BY THE STATE THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO GET  
23    BACK ON THEIR FEET TO HAVE THAT TREATMENT. SO BECAUSE OF THE  
24    ISSUES DEALING WITH THE ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED, WE OUGHT TO BE  
25    LOOKING AT OUR EXISTING \$28 BILLION BUDGET TO SEE ARE THERE



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1 CATEGORIES, BE IT IN HEALTH, IN OTHER AREAS, THAT COULD BE  
2 DEVOTED TO ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL TO GET  
3 THEM BACK ON THEIR FEET AND HAVE A CATEGORICAL FUNDING SOURCE  
4 FROM EXISTING FUNDS AS A MEANS OF HELPING THEM. AND ONCE AGAIN  
5 OUR BOARD HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF HELPING, ENCOURAGING  
6 THE STATE TO HAVE REFORMS FOR THE OTHER ISSUES. BUT THIS WOULD  
7 MAKE BETTER SENSE IN MY OPINION TO GET TO THE ROOT OF THE  
8 ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS BUT ALSO PROVIDING A SOURCE OF FUNDING.  
9 DRUGS DON'T BUILD STRONG SOCIETIES. IF DRUGS WERE A GREAT  
10 INSTITUTIONAL CURE-ALL FOR ALL, THEN WE SHOULD START IT AT THE  
11 ELEMENTARY LEVEL. AND WE KNOW THAT'S STUPID. WE SHOULD HAVE IT  
12 IN A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL OUR MEDICAL SCHOOLS TO HAVE ALL THE  
13 PEOPLE HIGH ALL THE TIME. WE KNOW THAT WOULD BE STUPID. THE  
14 WAY WE WANT PEOPLE TO BE RESPONSIBLE IS TO BE ABLE TO STAND ON  
15 THEIR OWN TWO FEET AND BE INDEPENDENT, CLEAR HEADED, MAKING  
16 REASONABLE DECISIONS. IT MAY BE DIFFERENT DECISIONS THAN  
17 OTHERS MAY MAKE, BUT AT LEAST CLEAR HEADED DECISIONS. BUT YOU  
18 CAN'T BE A DRUG DEPENDENT SOCIETY AND BE A SOCIETY AND A  
19 LEADER AND A GOOD ROLE MODEL FOR THE YOUTH WHO ARE BEING BORN  
20 INTO THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE.] OUR VETERANS EACH  
21 DAY WHEN WE HAVE OUR MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAMS, OUR VETERANS' DAY,  
22 THEY HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIFE FOR THE FREEDOMS THAT WE HAVE  
23 TODAY, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, FREEDOM TO ASSEMBLE, FREEDOM TO  
24 DISAGREE, BUT ALSO THE FREEDOM TO BE FREE. AND WITHOUT LAW,  
25 THERE'S NO LIBERTY. YOU NEED LAW TO BE IN A SOCIETY WHERE WE



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1 HAVE FREEDOM. BUT FREEDOM REQUIRES RESPONSIBILITY. AND  
2 RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT AVAILABLE IF EVERYBODY IS HIGH AND  
3 ADDICTED TO SOME FOREIGN SUBSTANCE. I WOULD JUST PUT ON THE  
4 TABLE WE COULD DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND THE HEALTH AGENCIES AND  
5 THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS IF THEY COULD COME UP WITH A REPORT AS  
6 TO EXISTING FUNDING THAT WE COULD SEPARATE THAT WOULD BE  
7 GEARED FOR THE HOMELESS ISSUE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
8 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, DID YOU WANT TO? I  
11 JUST WANT TO ADD. I KNOW WE'VE TAKEN SO MUCH TIME ALREADY.  
12 WE'VE HAD A GREAT PLETHORA OF INFORMATION FROM ALL OUR  
13 DEPARTMENTS, BUT I WANTED TO ASK QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CASH  
14 PAYMENTS. IF WE COULD ADDRESS THAT. I AM PARTICULARLY  
15 INTERESTED IN WHAT OTHER STATES ARE DOING. HOW COLORADO  
16 HANDLES THAT. WHAT'S BEEN THE OUTCOME THERE. AND ALSO A  
17 PROPOSAL THAT I RECENTLY HEARD ABOUT IN OHIO. DO YOU KNOW  
18 ANYTHING ABOUT THAT? A LOOPHOLE THAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT IN  
19 TERMS OF TRYING TO CAPTURE REVENUE IN A MORE FORMALIZED  
20 MANNER.

21

22 **JOSEPH KELLY:** SUPERVISOR, AGAIN, JOE KELLY, TREASURER-TAX  
23 COLLECTOR, I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH OHIO. I DID PUT AN INQUIRY  
24 INTO COLORADO AT THE END OF LAST WEEK, BUT I DON'T HAVE  
25 ANYTHING TO REPORT BACK ON THAT YET. I'M ALSO LOOKING AT AN





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1    OPTION OF SENDING OUT ARMORED CAR SERVICES TO PICK UP THESE  
2    RECEIPTS FROM BUSINESSES BECAUSE THAT WOULD ALLOW ME TO TAKE  
3    THE MONEY FROM THEM INSTEAD OF THEM COMING IN TO MY OFFICE  
4    HERE QUITE FRANKLY, AND DEPOSITING MONEY WITH US. SO THERE ARE  
5    A NUMBER OF OPTIONS WE'VE STARTED TO LOOK AT AND WILL CONTINUE  
6    TO LOOK AT TO ENSURE WE BOTH COLLECT THE MOST MONEY POSSIBLE  
7    BUT ALSO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR STAFF.

8

9    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE OHIO  
10    EXAMPLE?

11

12    **JOSEPH KELLY:** I'M NOT.

13

14    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING IS WHAT THEY  
15    ARE DOING NOW THROUGH THEIR LAW IS THEY SET UP WHAT THEY CALL  
16    A CLOSED LOOP. A PAYMENT PROCESSING SYSTEM SIMILAR TO A  
17    PREPAID DEBIT OR GIFT CARD. AND I'M ASSUMING THAT'S PROBABLY  
18    SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT AS WE MOVE FORWARD ON  
19    THE ORDINANCE OVERALL, AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO REGULATE THIS  
20    AND START TO LOOK AT WHAT MIGHT FIT OUR COUNTY, OUR STRUCTURE  
21    HERE.

22

23    **JOSEPH KELLY:** I'LL FOLLOW UP WITH YOUR STAFF, SUPERVISOR.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IF YOU COULD WORK WITH OUR STAFF ON  
2    THAT. THE OTHER QUESTIONS I HAVE ARE WITH RESPECT TO HEALTH  
3    AND CYNTHIA HARDING. BECAUSE I, TOO, AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT  
4    WHAT IMPACTS OUR YOUNGSTERS AND PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE,  
5    WHAT THEY MAY FACE AND WHAT THEY'RE FACING NOW. AND I WOULD  
6    ASK THAT ANY STUDIES WE DO LOOK AT WHAT KIND OF  
7    RECOMMENDATIONS IN TERMS OF OUTREACH PREVENTION IS GOING TO BE  
8    NECESSARY. WHAT I THINK SOME OF US MAY NOT TOTALLY ACCEPT YET  
9    IS THAT THERE'S A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT THIS STATE INITIATIVE  
10   IS GOING TO PASS, AND I THINK IT'S BETTER TO BE PREPARED. AND  
11   I WOULD HOPE THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS ALL  
12   OF OUR INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICES ALL WORK TOGETHER BECAUSE IT  
13   ISN'T JUST THE POINT OF CONTACT WHERE YOU'RE CONSUMING  
14   SOMETHING, BUT HOW DO YOU GET THERE TO PREVENT IT, HOW DO WE  
15   EDUCATE THE PUBLIC? AND I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT OUR  
16   PARENTS. SOME OF OUR CHALLENGED COMMUNITIES THAT MAY NOT HAVE  
17   THE RIGHT INFORMATION BEING COMMUNICATED TO THEM. I HEAR THIS  
18   OFTEN NOW IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF EAST LOS ANGELES, AND  
19   OTHER PARTS THAT I REPRESENT WHERE THERE ARE DISPENSARIES.  
20   THEY ARE OPERATING THERE. WE'VE HAD SOME ISSUES. BUT I'M MORE  
21   CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THE IMPACT WILL HAVE ON OUR YOUNG PEOPLE  
22   AND WHAT PREVENTION TOOLS WE NEED. IT'S JUST LIKE TO ME, THIS  
23   IS LIKE ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO. WE NEED TO BE BRINGING THAT  
24   RESOURCE OF INFORMATION THAT'S ALREADY OUT THERE AND HOW WE  
25   CAN UTILIZE THAT. IF IN FACT THE MONIES THAT WE DO GET FROM



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1 THE STATE, WE DO GET A PORTION TO HELP ADDRESS THESE ISSUES  
2 FOR ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO, THEN WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOOK AT  
3 MARIJUANA IF IT PASSES AS ANOTHER STREAM OF FUNDS THAT CAN BE  
4 SET ASIDE IN MY OPINION TO DO THAT AND TO TEST IT AND TO  
5 EVALUATE IT AND JUST COME BACK AND REFINE IT, BECAUSE I DO  
6 THINK THAT IT'S SOMETHING THAT I PERSONALLY DON'T SUPPORT  
7 EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE. I REALIZE THE ONLY WAY  
8 THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET OUR HANDS AROUND THIS IS IF WE  
9 REGULATE AND WE MAKE IT SAFE. AND THAT WE PRECLUDE THESE SHOPS  
10 OR ESTABLISHMENTS, IF THEY DO COME ABOUT BECAUSE OF THE LAW  
11 THAT PASSES IN NOVEMBER, THAT THEY'RE AWAY FROM OUR SCHOOLS,  
12 DAYCARE AND WHAT HAVE YOU. AND I KNOW ALREADY IN ONE OF MY  
13 COMMUNITIES, ONE OF THE CITIES THAT I REPRESENT, I JUST HEARD  
14 FROM ONE OF OUR COUNCILMEMBERS, THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE  
15 REGULATIONS IN PLACE. IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, WHICH IS  
16 VERY SMALL. BUT THEY UNDERSTAND THE POTENTIAL FOR REGULATION  
17 AND FOR SAFETY AND PUTTING THOSE PARTICULAR STORE FRONTS IN  
18 AREAS THAT ARE NOT ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, SENIOR  
19 CENTERS AND THE LIKE. SO I THINK THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS  
20 THAT I BELIEVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN HELP US IN TERMS OF  
21 DEALING WITH THIS INFORMATION. THE INFORMATION, I BELIEVE IS  
22 ALREADY ON THE BOOKS. WE'VE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL ABOUT OTHER  
23 SUBSTANCES AND WHAT IMPACTS THEY HAVE. SO I'M A BIT SURPRISED  
24 THAT EVEN IN THIS REPORT THAT WAS PROVIDED, THAT WE DIDN'T  
25 HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION ON WHAT PREVENTION TOOLS AND



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1 RECOMMENDATIONS YOU WOULD HAVE. BECAUSE I KNOW YOUR OPERATION  
2 TO DO MORE. SO I WOULD ASK YOU TO RESPOND.

3

4 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** SUPERVISOR, THOSE ARE REALLY EXCELLENT  
5 OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS. AND I WOULD AGREE THERE'S A LOT THAT  
6 WE CAN LEARN FROM EXISTING PREVENTION PROGRAMS AROUND TOBACCO  
7 AND ALCOHOL AND APPLY TO THIS AREA, AS WELL, AND COMMIT TO THE  
8 EDUCATION AS YOU SUGGESTED IN OUR COMMUNITIES. BUT WE WILL  
9 WORK AS AN AGENCY WITH ALL OF OUR AGENCY PARTNERS TOGETHER ON  
10 THIS.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND I THINK THAT'S-- I MEAN, GIVEN  
13 THAT WE'RE ALREADY SPENDING CLOSE TO A BILLION DOLLARS ON  
14 HOMELESSNESS, AND WE'RE EXPECTING A REPORT BACK IN AUGUST ON A  
15 MOTION THAT I PUT FORWARD WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE REGARDING HOW  
16 THAT MONEY CAN BE BETTER USED BECAUSE WE KNOW IN FACT THAT 5  
17 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION THAT WE SERVE IN THE HOMELESS  
18 CATEGORY ARE THE USERS AND RE-USERS OF MUCH OF THAT FUNDING,  
19 40 PERCENT OF THAT BILLION. AND TO ME WE STILL HAVE TO GO BACK  
20 AND COME UP WITH A BETTER REMEDY OF HOW WE USE TACTFULLY THOSE  
21 FUNDS, AND THAT WE BEGIN TO LOOK AT THE PREVENTION SIDE OF IT,  
22 AND THAT WE START TO REALLY HONE IN ON THE MONITORING PART OF  
23 WHAT-- WHO THESE FOLKS THAT CONTINUALLY COME UP AND WE'RE NOT  
24 SOMEHOW IDENTIFYING THEM OR TRACKING THEM IN A MANNER THAT'S  
25 GOING HELP US REDUCE COSTS. BECAUSE I THINK THE PUBLIC,



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1 THEY'RE WITH US ON ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS. BUT IF THEY ARE  
2 LOOKING TO US TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND TO BRING DOWN THAT COST SO  
3 THAT WE DON'T END UP HAVING THAT 5 PERCENT CONTINUALLY USE THE  
4 TRAUMA CENTER WHICH COST US 600 OR WHATEVER IT IS A NIGHT.  
5 THAT'S RIDICULOUS. THAT MONEY COULD BE BETTER SERVED HELPING  
6 WITH PREVENTION, DOING MORE OUTREACH DIVERSION AND STARTING TO  
7 THINK DIFFERENTLY. SO I THINK THIS IS GOING TO REQUIRE US TO  
8 LOOK AT HOW WE PROVIDE OUR SERVICES NOW AND HOW WE EXPAND. IF  
9 THIS MEASURE GOES THROUGH NOVEMBER, THAT'S GOING TO IMPACT US,  
10 THERE'S NO DOUBT, BUT LET'S BE READY FOR IT. AND I THINK WE'RE  
11 AT THAT POINT IN TIME WHERE WE HAVE TO STEP UP. I REALLY  
12 BELIEVE THAT. SO I HOPE THAT ALL OF OUR AGENCIES, INCLUDING  
13 OUR TAX, OUR ASSESSOR, EVERYONE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, BECAUSE  
14 THEY PLAY A KEY ROLE HERE, IF ANYTHING, WE WANT TO HAVE SAFE  
15 PLACES, HAVENS WHERE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY.  
16 THEY'RE GOING TO BRING CASH IN OR WHATEVER IT'S GOING TO BE.  
17 YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE THERE'S PROTOCOLS, THERE'S A SYSTEM IN  
18 PLACE AND THAT WE END UP SOMEHOW FIGURING OUT HOW TO PAY FOR  
19 IT. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THE REVENUE THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED  
20 HERE THAT CAN BE GENERATED ON JUST FROM MY OWN OPINION I SEE  
21 IT AS VERY LOW. IF COLORADO COULD RAISE \$140 MILLION IN ONE  
22 FISCAL YEAR, THAT'S A BILLION DOLLARS A DAY THAT'S GENERATED,  
23 THAT MONEY IS GOING SOMEWHERE IN ADDITION TO THE TAXES THEY'RE  
24 PAYING. THAT'S ONLY 5.4 MILLION PEOPLE. WE HAVE 10 MILLION  
25 PEOPLE. SO I CAN BET THAT WE WILL SEE A STREAM OF REVENUE



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1 COMING IN. WHETHER IT TAKES A YEAR FROM NOW, TO ME THAT'S NOT  
2 SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE WE WILL BE ABLE TO BE REGULATED  
3 APPROPRIATELY. WE WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THE FUNDING  
4 NECESSARY TO PUSH OUT TO OUR DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, JUST AS  
5 WE'RE SEEING HAPPENING IN COLORADO. HOMELESS CATEGORY WAS BIG.  
6 LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS BIG. TREATMENT WAS BIG. I THINK WE CAN, AS  
7 ADULTS, UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR PRIORITIES ARE IN HOW THIS IS  
8 REGULATED, HOW IT IS UTILIZED AND WHO HAS ACCESS TO IT AND WHO  
9 DOESN'T. AND THAT TO ME IS MY BOTTOM LINE. SO I'M LOOKING AT  
10 HOW WE SOLVE A BIGGER PROBLEM, WHICH IS HELPING HOMELESSNESS.  
11 BUT ALSO BRINGING IN REVENUE THAT THIS COUNTY DESERVES. AND WE  
12 ARE THE LARGEST COUNTY, NOT IN THE COUNTRY. AND WE OUGHT TO  
13 LEAD BY EXAMPLE. SO I'M SORRY IT'S MORE OF AN EDITORIAL THAN  
14 IT IS A QUESTION. BUT THOSE ARE THOUGHTS TO THINK ABOUT.  
15 [APPLAUSE.] AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR BRINGING  
16 THIS UP, BECAUSE I KNOW HER OFFICE AND MINE WERE BOUNCING  
17 BACK, OR AT LEAST I KNOW I WAS, ON HOW WE WERE GOING TO  
18 APPROACH THIS WHOLE ISSUE. BECAUSE IT ISN'T ONE THAT EASILY  
19 COMES TO US. MAKES US FEEL A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE. BUT I KNOW  
20 IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE ELECTED TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT. SO  
21 THIS IS ONE OF THOSE MOMENTS IN TIME WHERE WE HAVE TO STEP UP  
22 TO THE PLATE. THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF. ARE THERE  
23 ANY MORE QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD? IF NOT, THEN WE'LL PROCEED  
24 WITH-- WE HAVE SEVERAL SPEAKERS. DON?

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1   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, YOU HAVE 17  
2   PRESENTERS AND YOU HAVE OVER 130 SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP  
3   TO SPEAK FOR R-1, R-2 AND 36. SO GIVEN THE NUMBER OF  
4   INDIVIDUALS, WE'RE RECOMMENDING A MINUTE AND A HALF FOR THE  
5   PRESENTERS AND 1 MINUTE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE 130 SPEAKERS BE  
6   GIVEN ONE MINUTE. THAT'S OUR RECOMMENDATION.

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8   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PEOPLE CAN GIVE-- DO YOU WANT TO  
9   EXPLAIN THAT?

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11   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, IF ANYONE WANTS TO DONATE  
12   THEIR MINUTE TO SOMEONE ELSE, THEY MAY DO SO, BUT THEY HAVE TO  
13   BE AT THE SPEAKER DESK WITH THE OTHER PERSON THAT THEY'RE  
14   DONATING TO.

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16   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. AND I WILL CALL UP  
17   THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS. THIS IS UNDER ITEM R-1, R-2 AND 36.  
18   WE HAVE SARAH DESSAULT, RON MILLER. BIANCA DOBRIKOVIC. TRESS  
19   CARPENTER. IF THEY'RE STILL HERE, PLEASE COME FORWARD. JEFF  
20   ELLRED. VIVIAN ROMERO LAURA SANTOS. YOU CAN KIND OF LINE UP  
21   AND BE PREPARED IF YOU'RE HERE. JUST REMEMBER TO STATE YOUR  
22   NAME FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE. YOU HAVE A MINUTE AND A HALF. SO  
23   GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

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1 **BIANCA DOBRIKOVIC:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
2 BIANCA DOBRIKOVIC, AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL  
3 GIVING WITH THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE  
4 THE MOMENTOUS STEPS THE BOARD HAS TAKEN TO ADDRESS L.A.  
5 COUNTY'S HOMELESSNESS CRISIS AND GET US TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY.  
6 L.A. COUNTY IS POISED TO MAKE HISTORY. WE HAVE THE PLANS,  
7 STRATEGIES AND PUBLIC WILL TO MAKE REAL CHANGE. NOW WE JUST  
8 NEED THE RESOURCES. IF APPROVED BY VOTERS THIS NOVEMBER EITHER  
9 A SALES TAX OR A MARIJUANA TAX WILL PROVIDE CRUCIAL FUNDING  
10 FOR PERMANENT HOUSING, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, HEALTH AND MENTAL  
11 HEALTH TREATMENT, FOSTER CARE INREACH AND THE MANY OTHER  
12 STRATEGIES OUTLINED IN THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE TO THE  
13 THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES CURRENTLY LIVING ON THE  
14 STREETS AND THE SHELTERS OF L.A. COUNTY. WE KNOW THERE IS  
15 OVERWHELMING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR A BALLOT MEASURE THAT  
16 ADDRESSES HOMELESSNESS. ON BEHALF OF THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S  
17 CENTER, WE URGE YOU TO PLEASE VOTE TO APPROVE A BALLOT MEASURE  
18 TODAY AND TO LET VOTERS DECIDE WHETHER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS TO  
19 PREVENT AND END HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS NEXT  
20 STEP TOWARD ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE ALSO HAVE DANNY MORENO. WES  
23 REUTIMANN. SAM PEDROZA. JOHN GUEVARRA. AND NICK MORROW. TRACY  
24 RYAN. GO AHEAD, SIR.



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1   **DANIEL MORENO:** MY NAME IS DANIEL MORENO.

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3   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SPEAK INTO THE... YEAH.

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5   **DANIEL MORENO:** MY NAME IS DANIEL MORENO. I RUN A FACILITY IN  
6   COLORADO, WHOLESALE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MARIJUANA INDUSTRY  
7   WILL BE TAXED REGARDLESS. WE JUST ASK THAT WE ARE INCLUDED AND  
8   ABLE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE COUNTY AS TO THE TAXATION AND  
9   REGULATION OF THE INDUSTRY. I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS AS A  
10   INDUSTRY LEADER, I AM TOO CONTRIBUTING TO THE OVERALL WELL-  
11   BEING OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE  
12   COUNTY.

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14   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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16   **WESLEY REUTIMANN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS WES  
17   REUTIMANN AND I'M HERE SPEAKING AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR  
18   BIKE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AS YOU ALL KNOW THERE ARE MANY  
19   PRESSING ISSUES FACING LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THREE OF THE MOST  
20   CRITICAL ONES ARE ITEMS THAT YOU'VE DISCUSSED IN RECENT WEEKS.  
21   OBVIOUSLY THE HOMELESSNESS ISSUE IS A MASSIVE CRISIS THAT  
22   WE'RE ALL TRYING TO ADDRESS AND SUPPORT. THE CRUMBLING  
23   ROADWAYS AND OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IS ANOTHER REAL ISSUE  
24   THAT A LOT OF COUNTY RESIDENTS WANT TO SEE ADDRESSED. AND  
25   THERE CONTINUES TO BE A SERIOUS LACK OF PARK SPACE IN HIGH



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1 NEED COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THAT EXACERBATE ISSUES SUCH AS  
2 OBESITY AND OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES THAT THESE COMMUNITIES  
3 ARE DEALING WITH. AS AN ORGANIZATION, BIKE S.G.V. STRONGLY  
4 SUPPORTS ADDRESSING EACH OF THESE NEEDS; HOWEVER, WE WILL ONLY  
5 BE SUCCESSFUL IF WE ACT IN A STRATEGIC MANNER THAT DOES NOT  
6 PIT ONE ISSUE AGAINST ANOTHER. AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL NOTED LAST  
7 WEEK, THIS NEED NOT BE AN EITHER/OR QUESTION. IT SHOULD NOT BE  
8 FRAMED AS SUCH. BIKE S.G.V. URGES OUR SUPERVISORS TO WORK  
9 TOGETHER TO GIVE L.A. COUNTY THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS  
10 ALL THESE ISSUES. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, SIR?

13

14 **NICK MORENO:** HI, MY NAME IS NICK MORENO. I GUESS I QUALIFY AS  
15 THE SPECIALIST IN THE UNDERGROUND ILLICIT MARKET. I'M A  
16 RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF. I'M AN EXPERT WITNESS FOR L.A. COUNTY  
17 COURTS, AND I TESTIFY ABOUT DRUG USE, TRAFFICKING ISSUES AND  
18 THAT. WE TALKED ABOUT A TIPPING POINT. THERE IS A TIPPING  
19 POINT. IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE  
20 BETWEEN MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL USE. THE MEDICAL PEOPLE WHO  
21 WOULD PURCHASE THE SAME MARIJUANA GOT A TAX BENEFIT. AND  
22 BECAUSE THEY GOT THAT TAX BENEFIT, THE RECREATIONAL SIDE  
23 SUFFERED. AND THEY NEARLY CRASHED THE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM AS  
24 A RESULT OF THAT. SO SOMETHING FOR THE BOARD TO KEEP IN MIND  
25 THAT THERE IS THAT TIPPING POINT, AND THERE IS A BIG CONCERN



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1 ON OVERTAXING. YOU CAN ALWAYS ADD TAXES. YOU CAN ALWAYS ADD  
2 SERVICES LATER. BUT THERE ARE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED  
3 ALONG THOSE LINES. AND THE BIG ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM IS THE  
4 BOARD HASN'T EVEN ALLOWED MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN THE COUNTY  
5 AREAS YET. AND THAT'S A COLOSSAL UNDERTAKING THAT NEEDS TO BE-  
6 - I AGREE THAT NEEDS TO BE GONE THROUGH STEP BY STEP BY STEP  
7 WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED. AND THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE  
8 MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMMUNITY ARE THE ONES THAT KNOW HOW TO  
9 REGULATE THEMSELVES BETTER THAN YOU DO, EVERY WHICH WAY. SO  
10 YOU NEED TO INVOLVE THOSE PEOPLE. THEY'RE VERY GOOD AT WHAT  
11 THEY DO AND THEY KNOW HOW TO MAKE THINGS WORK. AND SO PLEASE  
12 CONSIDER THEM. CONSIDER PEOPLE LIKE ME THAT ARE CONSULTANTS IN  
13 THE INDUSTRY THAT ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO HELP AT THE DROP OF  
14 A HAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS QUESTIONS?

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18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I HAVE A QUESTION. IT SEEMS TO ME WHAT YOU  
19 SAID DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND  
20 RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA IN TERMS OF TAXES WAS NOT A BENEFICIAL  
21 THING BECAUSE IT KIND OF DROVE UP THE PRICE, YOU WERE KIND OF  
22 HELPING MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUT THE PRICE WAS HIGHER FOR  
23 RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA?

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1   **NICK MORENO:** YEAH. THE ISSUE WAS THAT YOU WOULDN'T PAY THE  
2   SALES TAX ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA. SO WHAT POSSIBLE REASON WOULD  
3   YOU WANT TO PAY A 34 OR I THINK IN THAT CASE UP TO 40 PERCENT  
4   SALES TAX? STAY MEDICAL. BUY THE SAME MARIJUANA AND USE IT FOR  
5   RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. SO THERE WAS A PROBLEM THERE. AND IN  
6   THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SINCE WE BEGAN WITH MEDICAL  
7   MARIJUANA, EVERYBODY HAS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA CARD. THEY'RE  
8   VERY EASY TO GET. THE STANDARDS WERE PUT QUITE LOW BY THE  
9   LEGISLATORS TO MAKE SURE YOU COULD GET IT. SO WE HAVE A  
10  GIGANTIC POPULATION OF PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY USING MEDICAL.  
11  SO WHEN RECREATIONAL COMES IN, DO PEOPLE GIVE UP THEIR CARDS  
12  AND DISAVOW THEIR MEDICAL ISSUES THAT GOT THEM THEIR CARD IN  
13  THE FIRST PLACE AND THEN VOLUNTARILY PAY THAT EXTRA 34 PERCENT  
14  THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT? SO THAT'S A HUGE ISSUE THAT WE NEED  
15  TO TALK ABOUT.

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17  **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THE STATE INITIATIVE DOESN'T DISTINGUISH,  
18  RIGHT? THE STATE IMITATIVE IS GOING TO TAX BOTH. AND THE  
19  PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE WAS ALSO GOING TAX BOTH.

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21  **NICK MORENO:** EXACTLY.

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23  **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOU CAN'T SAY WHEN PEOPLE ARE GROWING  
24  MARIJUANA, "EXCUSE ME ARE YOU GROWING IT FOR MEDICAL USES?"



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1 SURE. I JUST WANTED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU HAD SAID, THAT YOU  
2 THOUGHT IT WAS DETRIMENTAL.

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4 **NICK MORENO:** IT'S A GOOD POINT BECAUSE ILLICIT MARIJUANA GROWS  
5 EXACTLY THE SAME WAY AS MEDICAL MARIJUANA. THERE'S NO  
6 DIFFERENCE AT ALL. AND SO WHERE YOU CHOOSE TO MARKET THAT  
7 PARTICULAR PLANT IS UP TO THE FRAMEWORK AND THE STRUCTURE  
8 THAT'S ENACTED BY THE VARYING GOVERNING BODIES. AND SO WE NEED  
9 TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S THE CONCERN THAT STAYS IN THE BACK OF  
10 YOUR MIND THE WHOLE TIME.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? YES.

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14 **PHIL ANSELL:** AM I ON? THANK YOU. JUST TO CLARIFY, SUPERVISOR,  
15 AS COUNTY COUNSEL EXPLAINED, UNDER THE ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA  
16 ACT, THERE IS A DISTINCTION AT THE STATE LEVEL IN TAXATION  
17 BETWEEN MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL BECAUSE THERE'S A 15 PERCENT  
18 EXCISE TAX WOULD APPLY EQUALLY TO MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL AT  
19 THE STATE LEVEL, THE BASIC STATE SALES TAX OF 9 PERCENT WOULD  
20 NOT APPLY TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND IT DOES APPLY TO  
21 RECREATIONAL. SO IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WERE A COUNTY  
22 MARIJUANA TAX SET AT THE SAME RATE FOR RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA,  
23 THERE WOULD STILL BE A 9 PERCENTAGE POINT LOWER OVERALL TAX  
24 RATE FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

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1   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BUT THEY DIDN'T DISTINGUISH IN THE EXCISE  
2   TAX WHICH IS ALL WE'RE LOOKING AT HERE.

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4   **PHIL ANSELL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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6   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

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8   **DANA WERKMAN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DANA WERKMAN AND I'M HERE AS A  
9   REPRESENTATIVE FOR CANNAKIDS. OUR ORGANIZATION SPECIALIZES IN  
10  THE TREATMENT OF SERIOUS DISEASE USING CANNABINOID THERAPY  
11  WITH A FOCUS ON PEDIATRIC CANCER. THE AMOUNT OF SUCCESS WE'VE  
12  SEEN IN OUR PATIENTS IS MIND BLOWING. WE'RE SEEING SEIZURES  
13  DISAPPEAR, AUTISM SIDE EFFECTS FADE AWAY, WAR VETS GET OFF 20  
14  PLUS MEDICATIONS A DAY AND PAIN PATIENTS ON OPIATES WEANED  
15  DOWN TO NEXT TO NO ADDICTIVE PHARMACEUTICALS. THIS IS A DRUG  
16  DEPENDENT SOCIETY AND THIS IS A PLANT, A PLANT THAT IS  
17  RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HEALING OF MORE ILLNESSES AND HEALTH  
18  ISSUES IN HUMANS THAN ANYTHING WE HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED.  
19  CANNAKIDS IS ALSO NOW INVOLVED IN A DATA SHARE COLLABORATION  
20  WITH THE TEKNION INSTITUTE IN ISRAEL, WHO IS LEADING THE WORLD  
21  IN SCIENTIFIC CANNABIS RESEARCH AND WHO HAVE PROVEN TIME AND  
22  TIME AGAIN IN THEIR WELL PLATE TRIALS THAT CANNABIS KILLS  
23  CANCER. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO PLEAD WITH YOU TO DROP THE BAN AND  
24  ADD A GENERAL TAX THAT IS EARMARKED FOR HOMELESSNESS SO YOU  
25  DON'T NEED A LARGE MAJORITY FOR IT TO PASS LIKE YOU WOULD A





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1 SPECIFIC TAX. HELP US HELP THE SICK. AND WE ARE MORE THAN  
2 HAPPY TO HELP YOU HELP THE HOMELESS.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. I'D LIKE  
5 TO ASK TRACY RYAN. KATHLEEN VILLAREAL. JONATAN CVETKO. JOSH  
6 DRAYTON AND AMY JENKINS.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** I WAS IN FOR TRACEY RYAN.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RON MILLER. YOU'D LIKE TO GO FIRST,  
11 MA'AM?

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13 **AMY JENKINS:** YES.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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17 **AMY JENKINS:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND  
18 SUPERVISORS. AMY JENKINS. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA  
19 CANNABIS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION. WE'RE A 200-MEMBER ORGANIZATION  
20 BASED IN SACRAMENTO AND I CAME FROM SACRAMENTO TODAY. C.C.I.A.  
21 AND MYSELF, WE WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN DRAFTING THE M.M.R.S.A.  
22 THAT'S BEEN DISCUSSED TODAY, AND I FEEL LIKE WE SPENT A LOT OF  
23 DIALOGUE AND QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MEASURE. AND I'M MORE THAN  
24 HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. A COUPLE THINGS I JUST WANT TO  
25 NOTE. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND THAT



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1 UNDER M.M.R.S.A. IT DOES ASSUME A DUAL LICENSURE FRAMEWORK. IT  
2 ALSO ASSUMES THAT AS A CONDITION OF STATE LICENSE, YOU HAVE TO  
3 HAVE REGULATIONS IN PLACE. AND WITH REGULATIONS ALSO COMES A  
4 STATE TAXATION OR A LOCAL TAXATION FRAMEWORK. ONE THING I  
5 WOULD ALSO NOTE IS MANY STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT JURISDICTIONAL  
6 BANS ON CANNABIS BUSINESSES CREATE A SIGNIFICANT GOVERNMENTAL  
7 INEFFICIENCY. ASIDE FROM THE BARRIERS TO TRADITIONAL BANKING  
8 THAT WE TALKED ABOUT, LOCAL BANS ARE THE SINGLE GREATEST  
9 BARRIER TO VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE AND RESULTS IN A LOSS OF  
10 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN ANNUAL, STATE AND LOCAL REVENUES. SO  
11 BEYOND THAT, THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER BENEFITS. AND I THINK I  
12 WOULD SAY THAT THERE ARE STUDIES THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THE  
13 STUDIES THAT YOU HEARD ABOUT TODAY. I WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT  
14 THERE'S GOING TO BE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT ON THE 60 PERCENT,  
15 IN FACT, OF 15 PERCENT STATE EXCISE TAX WOULD GO TO YOUTH  
16 PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND EDUCATION ACTUALLY MODELED AFTER  
17 OUR SUCCESSFUL TOBACCO PROGRAMS.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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21 **JOSH DRAYTON:** JOSH DRAYTON FROM C.C.I.A. I CONCEDE MY TIME TO  
22 AMY JENKINS

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24 **AMY JENKINS:** OKAY. SO THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION, AS WELL,  
25 ABOUT FROM A PUBLIC SAFETY STANDPOINT. WE ACTUALLY BELIEVE



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1 THAT REGULATIONS WILL IN FACT IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY AND PROVIDE  
2 RESOURCES TO COMBAT ILLICIT ACTIVITY. YOU CAN'T ADDRESS  
3 ILLICIT ACTIVITY WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW IT'S OUT THERE AND YOU'RE  
4 NOT DEVELOPING AN APPROPRIATE REGULATORY SCHEME. ON THE ISSUE  
5 OF D.U.I. IMPAIRMENTS, THERE ARE, AGAIN, A LOT OF STUDIES THAT  
6 DEMONSTRATE THAT D.U.I. IMPAIRMENT DOESN'T ACTUALLY INCREASE.  
7 THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, IN A REGULATED ENVIRONMENT, THERE  
8 ARE MORE RESOURCES DEDICATED TO IDENTIFYING D.U.I. IMPAIRMENT  
9 AS A RESULT OF MARIJUANA USE. THERE'S A LOT OF OTHER THINGS I  
10 CAN TALK ABOUT. ADOLESCENT USE HAS GONE DOWN IN OTHER  
11 COMMUNITIES. I THINK THE KEY IS JUST ADDITIONAL AWARENESS  
12 ABOUT THE INTENT OF M.M.R.S.A. AND THE FACT THAT THERE'S GOING  
13 TO BE A LOT OF REVENUES DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING SOME OF THE  
14 IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH ILLICIT USE AND IMPACTS ASSOCIATED  
15 WITH BOTH MEDICAL AND AN ADULT USE FRAMEWORK. I THINK THERE  
16 HAS BEEN MAYBE A LITTLE BIT LESS DATA ON THAT ISSUE. SO  
17 CERTAINLY WE WANT TO BE A RESOURCE AND BETTER EDUCATE ALL OF  
18 YOU. AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT  
19 COMPONENT IN M.M.R.S.A. AND A.U.M.A. TO ADDRESS THE  
20 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH ILLICIT GROWERS. AS I  
21 UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF PRIOR QUESTIONS  
22 ABOUT THAT. MOST OF THAT WOULD BE ENFORCED AT THE STATE LEVEL.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VERY GOOD. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1 **KATHLEEN VILLAREAL:** MY NAME IS KATHLEEN. I'M FROM PATIENTS  
2 COALITION OF LOS ANGELES. ALSO ANGELES EMERALDS. I'D LIKE TO  
3 JUST PRESENT SOME NUMBERS THAT I CAME UP WITH IN REGARDS TO  
4 THE BUDGET FOR THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE. THE POPULATION IN L.A.  
5 COUNTY 98.3 MILLION BETWEEN FIVE DISTRICTS. 70 COLLECT  
6 TAXPAYING COLLECTIVES PER DISTRICT IS 350 COLLECTIVES. 350  
7 COLLECTIVES BEING TAXED AT 10 PERCENT EQUALS \$32 MILLION IN  
8 TAX REVENUE PER YEAR. THAT'S NOT INCLUDING REVENUE THAT COMES  
9 FROM ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. THAT'S NOT INCLUDING REVENUE THAT  
10 COMES FROM CULTIVATION FEES OR DELIVERY FEES. SO THESE NUMBERS  
11 OBVIOUSLY THEY GROW MUCH, MUCH HIGHER. SO IN UNDER 5 YEARS,  
12 YOU CAN HAVE THAT ALMOST NEARLY BILLION DOLLARS REVENUE TO  
13 HELP WITH HOMELESSNESS. AND I KNOW THERE'S ALSO A BIG ISSUE IN  
14 REGARDS TO PUBLIC IN-HOUSE SAFETY, AND THE ANSWER TO THAT IS  
15 REGULATION. WE CAN ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR PATIENTS, THE  
16 SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC AND THE YOUTH WITHOUT REGULATION. SO I  
17 WOULD LOVE TO SEE THIS BAN DROPPED AND REGULATIONS TO MOVE  
18 FORWARD AND HELP THE HOMELESS ISSUE. IT WAS VERY HEARTBREAKING  
19 TO ME. I DID SEE THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE VIDEO ON THE WEBSITE  
20 AND IT WAS HEARTBREAKING. I REALLY HOPE WE CAN FIND A SOLUTION  
21 TO THIS. I THINK THERE'S NO TRUER SOLUTION THAN REGULATING AND  
22 TAXING MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.



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1    **JONATAN CVETKO:** MY NAME IS JONATAN CVETKO AS MANY OF YOU MAY  
2    KNOW, WE'VE HAD SOME OF OUR PEOPLE COME TO ACTUALLY SPEAK WITH  
3    YOUR STAFF. AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING SO  
4    OPEN AND WANTING TO DISCUSS THIS WITH US. WE ARE A COALITION  
5    OF PEOPLE MADE NOT JUST ORDINARY CITIZENS HERE, PEOPLE THAT  
6    ARE ACTUALLY WITHIN THE INDUSTRY OR NOT, BUT ALSO WE ARE  
7    BRINGING IN OTHER PEOPLE AS SUPPORT IF YOU WILL, THE D.P.A.  
8    FROM DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. C.C.I.A. IS USED TO BEING HERE AS  
9    WELL TOO. WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN CONSIDERING A FULL  
10   DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS TOPIC GOING FORWARD WHEN IT COMES TO  
11   REGULATING MARIJUANA ITSELF. WE WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER THAT  
12   THERE'S GOING TO BE FURTHER REGULATIONS THAT NEED TO BE STILL  
13   MADE BEYOND THIS TODAY. AND WE WANT YOU GUYS TO UNDERSTAND  
14   THAT YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO FIGURE IT OUT.  
15   WE ARE BRINGING EXPERTS IN TO HELP OUT WITH THAT. I DO FIND IT  
16   INTERESTING TODAY AND I FIND IT VERY INNOVATIVE THAT THE BOARD  
17   HAS COME TOGETHER TODAY TO CONSIDER THAT ONE OF THE WAYS TO  
18   THE PATH OF THAT IS TO LOOK INTO THE TAX ISSUE. THAT BEING  
19   SAID, MR. ANTONOVICH HIMSELF ALSO RECOMMENDED THIS TAX ONLY TO  
20   SAY TODAY THAT IT WAS NO LONGER NEEDED ON THAT. I DO THINK  
21   THAT YOU GUYS ARE STRUGGLING WITH THIS TO A DEGREE TO WHERE  
22   YOU NEED SOME SUPPORTS AND WE ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO BE HERE  
23   FOR YOU AND OFFER THAT SUPPORT, SO PLEASE DO REACH OUT FOR US.  
24   IT IS NOT JUST US AS CITIZENS. WE ARE BRINGING OTHER



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1 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE MORE THAN KNOWLEDGEABLE EVEN BEYOND US,  
2 AND KNOW HOW TO HELP. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LYNNE LYMAN. GO AHEAD,  
5 MA'AM.

6

7 **LYNNE LYMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
8 BOARD. MY NAME IS LYNNE LYMAN. I'M THE STATE DIRECTOR FOR THE  
9 DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. WE ARE CO-CHAIRING THE ADULT USE OF  
10 MARIJUANA ACT PROP 64 THAT WILL APPEAR ON THIS YEAR'S BALLOT.  
11 I BELIEVE THAT OUR HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IS A TOP PRIORITY. I  
12 ALSO BELIEVE THAT CANDIDATES CAN AND SHOULD BE TAXED, BOTH  
13 STATEWIDE AND LOCALLY. HOWEVER, I HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS WITH TAX  
14 THE HELL OUT OF IT STATEMENTS I'VE BEEN HEARING FROM MANY  
15 ALLIES OUTSIDE THE CANNABIS COMMUNITY. THREE PRIMARY CONCERNS.  
16 MARIJUANA REVENUE SHOULD NOT BE THE SOLE SOURCE FOR SOLVING  
17 THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. WE NEED TO BE MORE CREATIVE THAN  
18 THAT. NUMBER 2, WE MUST TAX VERY THOUGHTFULLY. AS YOU'VE HEARD  
19 FROM SOME OF YOUR OTHER PRESENTERS, OVERTAXING WILL KEEP THE  
20 UNDERGROUND MARKET THRIVING AND ARRESTS AND INCARCERATION AND  
21 CRIME ARE A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, AS WELL AND OVERTAXING WILL  
22 LEAD TO AN INCREASE OF THOSE IN THE MOST VULNERABLE  
23 COMMUNITIES. THIRD, NO TAXATION WITHOUT REGULATION. AS YOU  
24 HEARD FROM THE CANNABIS COMMUNITY TODAY, EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS  
25 THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE TAXATION. WE NEED TO HAVE SMART,



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1 COMPREHENSIVE, JUST, EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE REGULATION.  
2 FINALLY I'D LIKE TO REMIND THE BOARD THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
3 STILL GETS ROUGHLY \$380 MILLION EVERY YEAR FROM THE PUBLIC  
4 SAFETY RE-ALIGNMENT ACT, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE VERY FEW PEOPLE  
5 LEFT. AND THAT MONEY COULD BE USED FOR HOMELESSNESS, AS WELL.  
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE SHANNON MURRAY. ANDREW  
9 DOUGLAS. JEFFREY SUTTON. AND JAIME GARCIA. GO AHEAD, SIR.

10

11 **ANDREW DOUGLAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS ANDREW  
12 DOUGLAS. I AM A NONPROFIT ADVOCATE AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATE, AS  
13 WELL. I ALSO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF SERVING AS AN AREA-WIDE  
14 DIRECTOR FOR DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL WHICH INCLUDES SKID  
15 ROW AND ALSO THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE.  
16 IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY BECAUSE IT'S GREAT TO SEE THE  
17 BOARD TAKE ON SUCH A SERIOUS ISSUE. I DO-- IT IS MY FINDING  
18 THAT THE BEST RECOMMENDATION IS THE SALES TAX. IT POLLS HIGH.  
19 I UNDERSTAND THERE MIGHT BE APPREHENSION BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL  
20 STICKER SHOCK WHEN VOTERS GET IN THERE AND THEY SEE PARK AND  
21 THEY SEE TRANSIT AND THEY SEE THIS ON THERE. BUT TRANSIT  
22 BARELY DIDN'T PASS BEFORE ON THE MEASURE R-2.0 BASED ON WELL,  
23 LARGELY THE BUS RIDERS UNION BUT ALSO CULVER CITY FOLKS WHO  
24 HAD THEIR EXPO LINE ALREADY THERE. SO MY POINT IS EACH ONE OF  
25 THESE WILL PASS ON THEIR OWN MERITS. I THINK AS YOU SAID





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1 MADAME CHAIR, SOMETIMES IT'S TIME TO STEP UP. I THINK THE  
2 VOTERS OF L.A. NEED TO STEP UP IF THEY WANT MORE PARKS AND  
3 WANT TO SOLVE THESE ISSUES WITH COMPASSION AND TAXES. THANK  
4 YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MA'AM?

7

8 **SHANNON MURRAY:** MY NAME IS SHANNON MURRAY AND I'M THE DIRECTOR  
9 OF HOMELESS AND HOUSING SERVICES AT WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY  
10 ACTION COMMITTEE. I'M ALSO THE CO-CHAIR, THE VICE CHAIR OF THE  
11 S.P.A. 6 HOMELESS COALITION. FIRSTLY I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR  
12 ALL OF YOUR WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE THUS FAR TO BRING THE  
13 ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS TO THE FOREFRONT OF THE PUBLIC AGENDA.  
14 AS YOU WELL KNOW, PROVIDING A HOME ENDS HOMELESSNESS, IS THE  
15 MOST HEALTHY STABILIZING HUMANE AND COST-EFFECTIVE THING WE  
16 CAN DO FOR ANY HOMELESS PERSON OR FAMILY. WE ARE IN NEED OF  
17 THOUSANDS OF MORE AFFORDABLE UNITS AND SERVICES TO GO WITH  
18 THEM. TO DO THIS, WE NEED YOU TO PUT ONE OF THE PROPOSED TAX  
19 MEASURES ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. WE SPECIFICALLY SUPPORT THE  
20 INCREASED SALES TAX. IT IS THE QUICKEST WAY TO GET THE MOST  
21 AMOUNT OF MONEY INTO OUR COMMUNITIES TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESS  
22 CRISIS IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

25



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1   **JAIME GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
2   JAIME GARCIA, WITH THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN  
3   CALIFORNIA. ON BEHALF OF THE 85 HOSPITALS IN LOS ANGELES  
4   COUNTY, WE WISH TO COMMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ITS  
5   INITIAL INVESTMENT OF \$100 MILLION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS.  
6   H.A.S.C. APPRECIATES YOUR COMMITMENT AND CONTINUED WORK IN  
7   SEARCH OF A LONG TERM REVENUE STREAM TO ADDRESS THE MANY  
8   ISSUES THAT ARISE FROM HOMELESSNESS. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT  
9   THE PARCEL TAX WHICH OPERATIONALIZES THE 47 STRATEGIES THE  
10  BOARD APPROVED EARLIER THIS YEAR VIA A DEDICATED FUND.  
11  HOWEVER, IF THIS BOARD VOTES TO SUPPORT THE SALES TAX, I ASK  
12  THAT THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE BE INSTITUTED TO PROTECT THESE  
13  FUNDS FROM WHICH ARE BEING DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND  
14  FROM BEING USED FOR OTHER NONRELATED HOMELESS PROJECTS,  
15  PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE TAKEN-- THAT WILL BE INITIATED OVER THE  
16  COURSE OF THE NEXT COUPLE YEARS, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT WE  
17  TRULY ARE ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS AND WE DON'T  
18  USE THESE FUNDS FOR OTHER PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS. THANK YOU.

19

20  **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE LOUIS JAMES.  
21  YOLANDA TENORIO. YADIRA CERRATO. AND BASIL KIMBREW

22

23  **YADIRA CERRATO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS.  
24  MY NAME YADIRA CERRATO AND I WORK WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC  
25  LAND AND WE ARE PART OF THE OUR PARKS COALITION. WE COMMEND



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1 THE CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PARKS AND OPEN  
2 SPACE LAST WEEK. AND WE BELIEVE TRANSPORTATION, PARKS AND  
3 HOMELESSNESS ARE COMPLEMENTARY AND ESSENTIAL FOR QUALITY OF  
4 LIFE OF ALL ANGELINOS. WE ARE SUPPORTIVE OF ALL THREE MEASURES  
5 AND WANT ALL THREE TO SUCCEED. THANK YOU.

6

7 **BASIL KIMBREW:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR. I'M CHEF BASIL.  
8 I'M A UNITED STATES ARMY VETERAN. I'M A GRADUATE FROM THE  
9 CORDON BLEU AND JUST RECENTLY I'VE BEEN VOTED THE NUMBER 1  
10 VOLUNTEER CHEF NOT IN THE NATION BUT IN THE WORLD. THAT'S  
11 BECAUSE LAST YEAR I FED 109,653 HOMELESS VETERANS, HOMELESS IN  
12 THIS AREA AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE 1/4 CENT GENERAL TAX  
13 REVENUE MEASURE WITH THE ADVISORY QUESTION ASKING VOTERS IF  
14 GENERATED REVENUE SHOULD BE USED TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH.  
15 THAT'S THE KEY WORD FOR US, MENTAL HEALTH. EVERY DAY I FEED  
16 HOMELESS VETERANS AND VETERANS. AND I FEED THE HOMELESS  
17 VETERANS WOMEN IN THIS AREA. AND IT'S SHOCKING TO ME TO SEE  
18 THIS, AND I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE. I WANT TO THANK OUR SUPERVISOR  
19 THERE FOR BRINGING THIS TO THE ISSUE BUT AS I STATED EARLY,  
20 I'M THE GENTLEMAN AND MY STAFF ARE THE ONES THAT FEED ALL  
21 THESE HOMELESS PEOPLE. AND ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP THEM  
22 AND HELP US WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] WE HAVE GARY  
25 TOEBBEN. LOUIS JAMES. YOLANDA TONORIO, I'M CALLING AGAIN.



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1 BOOKER PEARSON. CINDY WISE TRACEY JENKINS. MR. TOEBBEN. GOOD  
2 AFTERNOON.

3

4 **GARY TOEBBEN:** CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
5 SUPERVISORS, I'M GARY TOEBBEN, PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES  
6 AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THE EXECUTIVE  
7 COMMITTEE OF THE CHAMBER MET IN SPECIAL SESSION AND VOTED TO  
8 SUPPORT A 1/4-CENT SALES TAX FOR HOMELESSNESS SERVICES. WE  
9 WILL TAKE THAT RECOMMENDATION TO OUR FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
10 ON THURSDAY. THE CHAMBER AND THE UNITED WAY HAVE BEEN WORKING  
11 TOGETHER FOR 7 YEARS ON HOME FOR GOOD TO END HOMELESSNESS IN  
12 L.A. COUNTY. WE'RE WELL AWARE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM  
13 AND KNOW THAT WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ADDRESS IT WITH A  
14 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, COMMUNITY WILL AND FINANCIAL SERVICE  
15 RESOURCES. WE ALSO KNOW THAT A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT OF THIS  
16 MAGNITUDE BY LOCAL TAXPAYERS WOULD BE UNPRECEDENTED. WE HAVE  
17 MANY VOICES IN OUR MEMBERSHIP WHO QUESTION THE ABILITY OF THE  
18 COUNTY TO USE THIS MONEY EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY TO SOLVE  
19 THE PROBLEM, BUT THE MAJORITY CHOSE TO PROVIDE YOU, THE BOARD  
20 OF SUPERVISORS, WITH BOTH THE MANDATE AND THE FINANCIAL  
21 RESOURCES TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. WE EXPECT BOTH THE HIGHEST  
22 LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SUCCESS.  
23 WE'RE READY TO BE YOUR PARTNERS AND YOUR CRITICS IF PROGRESS  
24 IS MOVING TOO SLOWLY. ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY IS A  
25 HIGH PRIORITY FOR ALL OF US. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

3

4 **TRACEY JENKINS:** HI, MY NAME IS TRACEY JENKINS. I WASN'T  
5 EXPECTING TO SPEAK TODAY, BUT I THINK I WENT TO THE SPARKS  
6 GAME THE OTHER DAY AND I WITNESSED HISTORY AND I WAS SO  
7 EXCITED THAT I WANTED TO COME IN AN OPEN FORUM AND THANK SUSAN  
8 BURTON. SHE HAS A PROGRAM, A NEW WAY OF LIFE. SHE IS A  
9 BEAUTIFUL WOMAN. I WAS INCARCERATED RECENTLY, BASICALLY BEEN  
10 IN HER PROGRAM FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS. HAPPENED REALLY  
11 SUDDENLY. SO I'M ALSO HERE TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION BUT TO  
12 ALSO SUPPORT MORE PROGRAMS LIKE HERS AND TO THANK THE  
13 BEAUTIFUL SUPERVISORS HERE IN THE CITY OF L.A. FOR SUPPORTING  
14 ME DURING MY HOMELESSNESS OF THREE YEARS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOW. YES, MA'AM.

17

18 **CINDY WISE:** MY NAME IS CINDY WISE AND I'M THE AREA DIRECTOR OF  
19 OPERATIONS WITH MERCY HOUSING. I HAVE THE HONOR OF HAVING THE  
20 EL MONTE VETERANS VILLAGE IN MY PORTFOLIO. AND A COUPLE YEARS  
21 AGO WHEN WE OPENED UP THIS PROPERTY, I NEVER FELT SO GREAT  
22 ABOUT WHAT I DO OR HAD SUCH A HUMBLE FEELING THAN I DID WHEN  
23 WE WERE DOING OUR LEASE UP. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE NOT  
24 FAMILIAR WITH OUR VETERANS, IT IS SO SHAMEFUL THAT OUR  
25 VETERANS AND OUR MILITARY GO OFF AND THEY LEAVE THE COUNTRY,



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1    THEY FIGHT FOR US AND THEY PROTECT OUR NATION; BUT WHEN THEY  
2    COME HOME, THEY MAY NOT HAVE A HOME AVAILABLE TO THEM. AND I  
3    THINK THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS VERY SERIOUS TO ALL OF US THAT  
4    WE NEED TO WORK ON. I VERY SUPPORT THESE MEASURES. I CANNOT  
5    SAY ENOUGH HOW MUCH THE VETERANS PROPERTY HAS COME TO MEAN TO  
6    ME AND THE VETERANS IN THE PROPERTY THAT WE HAVE. WE HAVE  
7    SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN WHICH WE HOUSE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS. IT  
8    IS SUCH AN ISSUE IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE HAVE INDIVIDUALS  
9    THAT DON'T HAVE A HOME TO GO TO, BOTH OUR CHILDREN AS WELL AS  
10   OUR ADULTS, THANK YOU.

11

12   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BOOKER PEARSON. DARRELL  
13   KRUSE, DENITA HUERTA. MICHELLE HOPE WALKER. RITA KAMPALATH.  
14   DESTINY THOMAS. GO AHEAD, SIR.

15

16   **DARRELL KRUSE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME  
17   IS DARRELL KRUSE I WAS WONDERING HOW YOU WOULD DETERMINE  
18   PRIORITY IF YOU DO ALLOW DISPENSARIES. ARE YOU GOING TO ALLOW  
19   THOSE THAT OPERATE THOSE ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES NOW TO CONTINUE  
20   TO OPERATE? OR ARE YOU GOING TO GO THROUGH THE WHOLE C.U.P.  
21   PROCESS THAT WILL TAKE TWO YEARS BEFORE SOMEONE CAN ACTUALLY  
22   DO IT? ARE YOU EVER GOING TO CLOSE DOWN ANY OF THE  
23   DISPENSARIES? I'VE NOTICED IN THE LAST COUPLE WEEKS THEY NOW  
24   HAVE AT THE VAPER BARS, THAT'S WHERE YOU GO IN, DRIVE IN, WALK  
25   IN THERE AND YOU SEE THE NAKED LADIES AND YOU GET A HIT ON A



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1 VLAX OUT OF THEIR BONG AND YOU GET BACK ONTO THE ROAD. I JUST  
2 THINK IT'S A LITTLE ODD THAT YOU'RE ALLOWING TOPLESS BUD  
3 TENDERS. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **RITA KAMPALATH:** SUPERVISORS, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RITA  
8 KAMPALATH AND I'M THE SCIENCE AND POLICY DIRECTOR AT HEAL THE  
9 BAY, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE OUR PARKS COALITION, AND HAPPY TO BE  
10 HERE IN SUPPORT OF HOMELESSNESS FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY. WE  
11 FREQUENTLY TALK ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY FOR OUR REGION, BUT  
12 NOTHING COULD BE MORE CONTRARY TO THE CONCEPT OF  
13 SUSTAINABILITY THAN THE SITUATION WHERE EVERY YEAR, MORE OF  
14 OUR CITIZENS ARE UNABLE TO MEET EVEN THEIR MOST BASIC NEEDS.  
15 WE'RE PROUD THAT YOU'RE BRINGING THE ISSUE FORWARD AS WE SEE  
16 IT AS COMPLEMENTARY TO THE PARKS MEASURE AND BOTH KEY PARTS TO  
17 IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN LOS ANGELES. WE URGE YOU TO  
18 MAKE SURE THAT THIS MEASURE MAKES IT TO THE BALLOT THIS FALL  
19 TO GIVE VOTERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE ON IT. AND WE LOOK  
20 FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU TO ENSURE THAT BOTH OF  
21 THESE MEASURES PASS.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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1   **MICHELLE HOPE WALKER:** HI. 2016 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE,  
2   MICHELLE HOPE WALKER RUNNING AS INDEPENDENT, UNITED STATES OF  
3   AMERICA. I LIKE TO WEAR MY FLAG TO REMIND EVERYBODY THAT WE'RE  
4   ALL AMERICANS AND ALL A PART OF AMERICA. AND HOMELESSNESS AND  
5   HAVING A HOME IS A RIGHT IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE  
6   PAY TAXES, EVERYBODY DOES, IN SOME FORM OR WAY. THEY SHOULD AT  
7   LEAST GET A HOME. SO I WANT TO START OUT WITH THAT, EVERYONE  
8   DESERVES A HOME. ALSO MY UNDERSTANDING AS I'M HEARING THE  
9   MARIJUANA ISSUE, THAT I KNOW A LOT OF PHARMACEUTICALS AND  
10   PRESCRIPTION AND PILL BUSINESS TEND TO OWN A LOT OF OUR  
11   POLITICIANS. SO I'M STARTING TO SEE THAT HAS SOMETHING TO DO  
12   WITH WHY THEY DON'T WANT THE MARIJUANA PASSED BECAUSE IT WILL  
13   TAKE AWAY FROM THEIR BIG MONEY. ALSO, SO THE KEY THING IS  
14   HOMES FOR EVERYONE. I DON'T SMOKE MARIJUANA. I'M NOT SAYING  
15   EVERYBODY SHOULD GO USE MARIJUANA. I DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO  
16   OVERTAX THIS. I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE THAT  
17   WANT TO USE IT, BUT IT DOES CUT DOWN CRIMINALIZATION.  
18   CRIMINALIZATION, IT'S THE BLACK AND THE BROWN THAT HAVE BEEN  
19   CRIMINALIZED THE MOST. SO IT DOES NEED TO BE LEGAL TO STOP  
20   EVERYONE FROM GOING TO JAIL.

21

22   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. [APPLAUSE.] YES,  
23   MA'AM.

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WHAT YOU'RE  
2 BRINGING TO THE FOREFRONT I WANT TO HONESTLY AND HUMBLY THANK  
3 EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR BRINGING THIS TOPIC UP TODAY. WE  
4 HAVE A CRISIS, AS YOU ALL ARE AWARE. WE'VE BEEN HAVING A  
5 CRISIS. AND I'M HEARING SUPPORT AS I'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN  
6 SUPPORT. BUT WE NEED TO ADDRESS THIS BEFORE 2018. SO ANYTHING  
7 WE CAN DO NOW TO TAX, TO COLLECT, TO DO, TO GET, LET'S GET IT,  
8 GET IT, GET IT, BECAUSE THIS IS A CRISIS. WHATEVER WE CAN DO  
9 TO DO SOMETHING NOW. IN SUPPORT OF YOUR MEASURES BUT YOU MUST  
10 LIFT THE BANS. HOW DO WE WORK TOGETHER WITHOUT INTERVENTION?  
11 HOW DO WE DO THIS? PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, PREPAREDNESS.  
12 TODAY, THOUGH, WOULD BE MY SUGGESTION BECAUSE WE WON'T BE  
13 PREPARED FOR THIS WHEN IT DOES GET INTO THE FOREFRONT OF MAYBE  
14 THE MARK, THE STAMP. WHAT ABOUT NOW? WHAT ABOUT THE 50,000 ON  
15 THE STREET NOW. WHAT ABOUT EACH WOMAN WHETHER SHE HAS THE  
16 RIGHT--

17  
18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. WE DIDN'T GET YOUR  
19 NAME, BY THE WAY. WHAT WAS YOUR NAME? OKAY. THANK YOU. NEXT  
20 SPEAKER.

21  
22 **JASMINE CARTER:** HI, MY NAME IS JASMINE CARTER ON BEHALF OF  
23 DESTINY THOMAS AND THE GENESEE CENTER. TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
24 LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
25 DIRECTORS. KAREN EARL, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, STAFF AND



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1 MORE IMPORTANTLY THE THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
2 WE HAVE HELPED OVER THE YEARS, GENESEE CENTER APPLAUDS YOUR  
3 DECISION TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON HOMELESSNESS AND  
4 YOUR COMMITMENT TO SPENDING OVER \$100 MILLION ANNUALLY IN  
5 ORDER TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. GENESEE ROUTINELY SERVES VICTIMS  
6 OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITH EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES THAT OTHER  
7 PROVIDERS CANNOT ADEQUATELY ASSIST. GENESEE IS ALSO ONE OF THE  
8 FEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTERS TO WELCOME LARGE FAMILIES AND  
9 FAMILIES WITH MALES, OLDER MALES. GENESEE'S OWN DATA AND  
10 EXPERIENCE HAS-- WITH ISSUES HAS FOUND THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE  
11 HOUSING IS INSUFFICIENT. WE THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CHIN HO LIAO. PATRICIA  
14 MITCHELL. TIFFANY JOHNSON. ANTHONY BISHOP. STILL WANT TO CALL  
15 UP VIVIAN ROMERO. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

16

17 **PATRICIA MITCHELL:** I'M PATRICIA MITCHELL. I WANT TO SAY THAT  
18 ALTHOUGH I WILL VOTE FOR THE MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION, THAT WE  
19 NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT HOMELESS NOW. I'M AN ARTIST, I'VE  
20 LIVED IN THE ARTS DISTRICT FOR 20 YEARS. WHEN PEOPLE WOULD NOT  
21 COME DOWNTOWN FOR 20 YEARS THEY WERE AFRAID. I WAS NOT AFRAID.  
22 A YEAR AGO I WAS STABBED IN THE BACK WITH A SCREWDRIVER BY A  
23 MENTALLY ILL, HOMELESS MAN. I AM THE LUCKY ONE, OKAY, BECAUSE  
24 I SURVIVED IT OTHER THAN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN MEDICAL BILLS  
25 AND A VERY SORE BACK FOR A WHILE. BUT THIS PROBLEM, THE SALES



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1 TAX, WILL HELP IT IMMEDIATELY. IT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF.  
2 THE ARTS DISTRICT, THE MONEY THAT IS THERE NOW HAS PUSHED A  
3 HOMELESS POPULATION INTO A SMALLER AREA. IT IS NOT HELP. IT IS  
4 MAKING IT WORSE. IF YOU WANT PEOPLE WITH MONEY TO CONTINUE TO  
5 COME TO OUR DISTRICT TO MAKE THE DEVELOPERS HAPPY, YOU BETTER  
6 DO SOMETHING NOW. OKAY. SO I AM TOTALLY FOR THE MONEY FOR THE  
7 SALES TAX.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. YES, SIR. GO  
10 AHEAD, I'M SORRY.

11

12 **ANTHONY BISHOP:** MY NAME IS ANTHONY BISHOP. I'M AN INTERN AT  
13 A.R.C., THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M HERE TO SAY I  
14 SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL FOR THE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX BECAUSE IT  
15 SEEMS TO BE THE QUICKEST WAY FOR THE MOST FUNDS TO SUPPORT  
16 EFFORTS IN THE COMMUNITY TO END HOMELESSNESS. THREE MONTHS AGO  
17 I CAME HOME FROM PRISON AFTER SERVING 9-1/2 YEARS FROM THE AGE  
18 OF 17 TO 26 TO A VERY SUPPORTIVE FAMILY AND ORGANIZATIONS LIKE  
19 A.R.C. IF IT WASN'T FOR THEM, I WOULD BE IN THE SAME SHOES AS  
20 MOST OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO FIND  
21 HOMES, STABLE HOMES, SO THEY CAN GET TO AN INTERVIEW FOR JOBS  
22 AND SCHOOL OR ANYTHING TO BE PRODUCTIVE IN SOCIETY. IF THIS  
23 PROPOSAL CAN GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS AND INTO STABLE  
24 HOUSING, THEN I FULLY SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

25



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

2

3 **TIFFANY JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TIFFANY JOHNSON.

4 I'M ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FROM A NEW WAY OF LIFE RE-ENTRY

5 PROJECT. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT ALL THREE MEASURES. THE MAIN ONE

6 OF COURSE IS HOMELESSNESS. SO THE INCREASED QUARTER CENT ON

7 THAT ISN'T VERY IMPORTANT, BUT I REALLY WANT TO FOCUS ON THE

8 LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN

9 PLAGUED BY CRIMINALIZATION OF THE USES OF MARIJUANA. AND WE

10 HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE NOW STILL HAVING MANY YEARS AND

11 DECADES OF EFFECT OF HAVING A FELONY RECORD BECAUSE OF THE

12 FACT AND IF THIS MEASURE GETS PUT ON THE BALLOT AND GET

13 APPROVED, IT WOULD BECOME RETROACTIVE. THAT WOULD HELP MORE

14 PEOPLE GET JOBS, GET HOUSING AND WE CAN FIX BOTH PROBLEMS, THE

15 HOMELESSNESS AND THE CRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES, VIVIAN.

18

19 **VIVIAN ROMERO:** MY NAME IS VIVIAN ROMERO. I WANT TO SAY GOOD

20 AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR BRINGING THESE

21 ISSUES UP. AS MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO,

22 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO ME AND TO

23 MY CITY AND MY CONSTITUENTS. GIVEN ALL THE WORK THAT'S GONE

24 INTO TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS AND BALLOTS MEASURES, I WANT TO

25 ENSURE THAT THE MEASURES DO NOT COMPETE DIRECTLY WITH ONE



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1 ANOTHER. AND I AM ENCOURAGING THE COUNTY TO ENGAGE THE LOCAL  
2 CITIES LIKE MINE AND REGIONAL BODIES TO PARTICIPATE IN FORMING  
3 A FUNDING MECHANISM TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY THE  
4 OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY THE STATEWIDE MARIJUANA PROPOSITION.  
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE SUSAN BURTON?  
8 CHERYL BONACI. JAMES JACOBS? INGRID ARCHIE. PILAR HOYOS.

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10 **SUSAN BURTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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14 **SUSAN BURTON:** MY NAME IS SUSAN BURTON. I AM THE EXECUTIVE  
15 DIRECTOR OF THE NEW WAY OF LIFE RE-ENTRY PROJECT, AND WE WORK  
16 DAILY WITH WOMEN WHO WOULD BE HOMELESS HAD IT NOT BE FOR OUR  
17 SERVICES. SO I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE QUARTER CENT SALES  
18 TAX. BUT WITH THAT SAID, I WANT TO SAY THAT OUR COMMUNITY HAS  
19 SUFFERED DECADES AND GENERATIONS OF PUNISHMENT, INCARCERATION,  
20 HARASSMENT, ALL THE ABOVE BEHIND MARIJUANA CRIMINALIZATION. BE  
21 IT THAT THIS MEASURE PASSES, WE'RE TALKING AND THINKING ABOUT  
22 WHAT DO WE DO THAT THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT WILL BE RAISED  
23 DO NOT BE RAISED FROM PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF OUR COMMUNITIES. SO  
24 IT'S A THOUGHT, WE'RE THINKING, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT, BUT



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1 WE'VE SUFFERED A LOT. HOW DO WE GAIN RESOURCES FROM THESE,  
2 FROM THE PASSAGE OF MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION?

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

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6 **INGRID ARCHIE:** HI, MY NAME IS INGRID ARCHIE AND I AM THE PROP  
7 47 SPECIALIST AT A NEW WAY OF LIFE RE-ENTRY PROJECT AND ALSO A  
8 RESIDENT. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS SPOKE  
9 ABOUT WE DON'T WANT A SOCIETY THAT IS CHEMICALLY DEPENDENT. WE  
10 ALSO DON'T WANT A SOCIETY THAT USES MASS INCARCERATION AS A  
11 DETERRENT FOR PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE  
12 ABUSE AND ALSO OTHER DIFFERENT ABUSES FROM SOCIETY. I FEEL  
13 LIKE THAT WE HAVE COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND WE HAVE COMMUNITY  
14 PEOPLE WHO PROVIDE THE SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM  
15 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WHEN THEY COME OUT OF PRISON AND THAT'S  
16 WHERE THE FUNDING SHOULD GO IF THIS IS PUT ON THE BALLOT  
17 MEASURE. ALSO, I FEEL LIKE THAT THERE'S PEOPLE SLEEPING ON THE  
18 STREETS. WE WEREN'T MADE TO SLEEP ON THE STREETS. WE WERE MADE  
19 TO BE PROVIDED ADEQUATE HOUSING, AND IF WE GIVE MONEY TO  
20 PEOPLE WHO ARE CORE SERVICES PROVIDERS, THEY SHOULD NOT LOOK  
21 AT US AS AN INTAKE PACKET, BUT LOOK AT US AS PEOPLE WHO NEED  
22 HOUSING. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1   **JAMES JACOBS:** GOOD AFTERNOON LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS  
2   JAMES JACOBS, UNITED STATES MARINES. FIRST OF ALL, I'M HERE TO  
3   REPRESENT THE TENANTS AT THE VETERANS VILLAGE OF EL MONTE. I'D  
4   LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT, MADAME SOLIS.

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6   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HOW IS THAT VEGETABLE GARDEN GOING?

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8   **JAMES JACOBS:** GOING GREAT. NEVERTHELESS, I COULDN'T AGREE MORE  
9   WITH ALL THREE MEASURES BECAUSE YOUR REVENUE WILL GENERATE  
10  INCOME. THE INCOME IT'S GOING TO GENERATE WILL BE A  
11  CULMINATION FOR HELPING THE HOMELESS SEEK AND FIND SUITABLE  
12  HOUSING. THERE'S NO NEED FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THIS COUNTRY.  
13  THERE'S TOO MUCH WELFARE. HELP THE HOMELESS. TAKE SOME OF  
14  THESE OLD BUILDINGS. I UNDERSTAND THEY'RE BUILDING A LOT OF  
15  LOFTS DOWNTOWN. BUT ALSO TAKE SOME OF THEM AND HELP RAISE  
16  STRUCTURES FOR THE HOMELESS. THAT WOULD BE A BIG BOOST. THANK  
17  YOU VERY MUCH, EVERYONE.

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19   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE MARNI BAIM. SANDRA  
20  MCNEILL STEVE RENAHAN. ELSA TUNG. STEPHANIE KLASKY GARNER.

21

22   **SANDRA MCNEILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. SANDRA MCNEILL, EXECUTIVE  
23  DIRECTOR OF TRUST SOUTH L.A. THANK YOU FOR TAKING ON WHAT IS  
24  ARGUABLY THE MOST IMPRESSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
25  ISSUE IN FACING L.A. COUNTY. TRUST SOUTH L.A. WAS FORMED AS A



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1 COMMUNITY LED RESPONSE TO RISING HOUSING COSTS AND THE  
2 DISPLACEMENT OF WORKING CLASS BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. WE  
3 VEHEMENTLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO ACT STRATEGICALLY,  
4 CREATIVELY AND BOLDLY TO ADDRESS THE REALITY OF SO MANY LIVING  
5 ON THE STREETS. AND WE BELIEVE THE BOARD SHOULD ACT NOW TO  
6 CAPTURE THE ATTENTION AND BROAD CONCERN THAT HOMELESSNESS HAS  
7 BEEN ATTRACTING FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA. WE GENERALLY DO  
8 NOT SUPPORT REGRESSIVE TAX STRATEGIES AND WOULD HAVE PREFERRED  
9 TO THROW OUR SUPPORT BEHIND THE MILLIONAIRES TAX OR PARCEL  
10 TAX. HOWEVER, GIVEN THAT NEITHER IS VIABLE AT THIS TIME, WE DO  
11 SUPPORT A QUARTER CENT SALES TAX. THE FUNDS GENERATED WILL BE  
12 SUBSTANTIAL AND WITH HOUSING, FOOD, HEALTHCARE AND  
13 TRANSPORTATION NOT TAXED, A SALES TAX WILL HAVE LITTLE IMPACT  
14 ON OUR LOW-INCOME MEMBERS WHO SPEND THE BULK OF THEIR MONEY ON  
15 THOSE EXPENSES. ALSO, WHILE WE APPLAUD THE BOARD CONSIDERING  
16 HOW TO OPTIMIZE THE TAXING OF MARIJUANA SALES, WE'RE REALLY  
17 CONCERNED THAT THE FUNDING STREAM IS UNCERTAIN AND WILL NOT BE  
18 LARGE ENOUGH TO ADDRESS--

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **ELSA TUNG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ELSA TUNG  
23 WITH THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST A MEMBER OF THE  
24 OUR PARKS COALITION. THE LAND TRUST CREATES, ORGANIZES AND  
25 ADVOCATES FOR PARKS AND GREEN SPACES IN L.A.'S LOW INCOME PARK



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1 POOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND AS A MEMBER OF THE OUR PARKS  
2 COALITION WE'D LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO THE  
3 BOARD FOR APPROVING THE PARK'S MEASURE LAST WEEK TO BE PLACED  
4 ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. TODAY WE ARE HERE ONCE AGAIN TO  
5 STRONGLY SUPPORT A FUNDING MEASURE FOR HOMELESSNESS. BOTH  
6 PARKS AND AFFORDABLE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND SERVICES ARE  
7 INTEGRATED SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR ANGELINOS THAT ARE IN URGENT  
8 NEED OF ATTENTION. THIS IS A MORAL IMPERATIVE. THE OUR PARKS  
9 COALITION SUPPORTS THE BOTTOM UP APPROACH USED TO DEVELOP THE  
10 FUNDING PLANS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS. THE USE OF A  
11 PARCEL TAX BASED ON SQUARE FOOTAGE FOR PARKS WAS THE RIGHT  
12 DECISION, AS WAS THE SALES TAX FOR THE TRANSPORTATION MEASURE.  
13 WE ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER A FUNDING MECHANISM FOR  
14 HOMELESSNESS THAT WILL COMPLEMENT THESE ADOPTED OPTIONS. THANK  
15 YOU.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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19 **MARNI BAIM:** HI, MY NAME MARNI BAIM. I'M CLINICAL PROGRAM  
20 MANAGER AT NEW EARTH. WE'RE A NONPROFIT THAT WORKS WITH  
21 TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH COMING OUT OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE  
22 SYSTEM. I'VE WORKED WITH HOMELESS YOUTH AGES 18 TO 24 FOR THE  
23 LAST FOUR YEARS AND THERE IS AN UNBELIEVABLE NEED FOR MORE  
24 FUNDING. THE YOUTH THAT WE WORK WITH OFTENTIMES COME TO US  
25 READY TO GET EDUCATION, TO GET EMPLOYMENT; HOWEVER, WITHOUT



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1 HOUSING, THAT IS JUST IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM. WE'LL CALL THE  
2 SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR THIS AGE GROUP AND IT WILL BE A THREE  
3 TO FOUR-WEEK WAIT LIST THAT THEY'RE ON THE STREET, AT THAT  
4 TIME BECOMING REINCARCERATED, BECOMING DRUG ADDICTED,  
5 WHATEVER'S HAPPENING, JUST BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE HOUSING.  
6 AFTER THEY DO GET HOUSING, THERE'S AN UNBELIEVABLE NEED AGAIN  
7 FOR MORE SERVICES, ONGOING SERVICES TO HELP WITH EMPLOYMENT,  
8 EDUCATION, JUST GENERAL LIFE SKILLS. SO WE DEFINITELY SUPPORT  
9 THIS ACT AND DEFINITELY NEED MORE FUNDING FOR THESE SERVICES  
10 FOR THIS YOUTH.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, SIR?

13

14 **STEVE RENAHAN:** MADAME PRESIDENT, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS STEVE  
15 RENAHAN. I'M WITH SHELTER PARTNERSHIP HERE IN LOS ANGELES.  
16 THANK YOU FOR ADOPTING IN FEBRUARY A SET OF STRATEGIES THAT IF  
17 FUNDED WILL MAKE A REAL IMPACT ON HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES.  
18 THANK YOU ALSO FOR RECOGNIZING THAT HOMELESSNESS IN LOS  
19 ANGELES IS AN EMERGENCY. IT'S TIME NOW TO IDENTIFY RESOURCES  
20 TO ADDRESS THAT EMERGENCY. PLEASE PLACE ON THE BALLOT IN  
21 NOVEMBER A MEASURE TO ALLOW THE VOTERS TO PROVIDE RESOURCES SO  
22 WE CAN ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. AND PLEASE MAKE THAT A MEASURE  
23 THAT IS HIGHLY LIKELY TO PASS THAT WILL RAISE REVENUES  
24 COMMENSURATE WITH THE NEED AND WILL PRODUCE THOSE REVENUES AS



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1 SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ADDRESS OUR EXISTING EMERGENCY, SUCH AS  
2 THE GENERAL QUARTER CENT SALES TAX WITH A HOMELESS ADVISORY.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

5

6 **STEPHANIE KLASKY GAMER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, I'M  
7 STEPHANIE KLASKY GAMER WITH L.A. FAMILY HOUSING. WE'RE A  
8 PROVIDER OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND DEVELOPER OF 23 PROPERTIES  
9 OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING IN  
10 FOUR OF OUR FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. AS WE ALL KNOW, AND  
11 HAS BEEN STATED CLEARLY SO FAR TODAY, HOMELESSNESS HAS  
12 INCREASED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IN THE PAST YEAR ALONE, L.A.  
13 FAMILY HOUSING SERVED 6400 PEOPLE WITH OUR OUTREACH SERVICES  
14 THROUGH THE COUNTY'S COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM FOR HOMELESS  
15 INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS FOR FAMILIES AS WELL AS THROUGH OUR  
16 BRIDGE HOUSING BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO REACH OUT AND CONDUCT  
17 ASSESSMENTS OF SO MANY PEOPLE WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO PLACE THEM  
18 INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. THAT'S OUR ULTIMATE GOAL. TO HELP  
19 EVERYONE WE MEET, WHETHER IT'S IN THE STREETS, WHETHER IT'S  
20 THROUGH OUR BRIDGE HOUSING OR SHELTERS, TO HELP EVERYONE WE  
21 MEET IN OUR HOMELESS SERVICES MOVE INTO THEIR OWN HOME AND  
22 REMAIN STABLE THERE. THERE'S STABILITY AND HOUSING IS  
23 DEPENDENT ON ACCESS TO THE APPROPRIATE AND CONTINUED  
24 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. LESS THAN 1/3 OF OUR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



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1 ACTUALLY MOVE INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO  
2 MAKE THAT POSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP DENNY ZANE.  
5 STACEY SLEVCOVE. MARK WILLIAMS. KATIE HILL. ERIC MONTOYA.

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7 **DENNY ZANE:** SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DENNY ZANE. I'M SPEAKING  
8 TODAY ON BEHALF OF SANTA MONICANS FOR RENTERS RIGHTS, THOUGH  
9 AS YOU KNOW, I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MOVE L.A., AS WELL.  
10 MOVE L.A. HAS NOT TAKEN A POSITION. I WILL OFFER MY PERSONAL  
11 POSITION. WHAT WE HAVE HERE I THINK IS A CONVERGENCE OF BOTH  
12 CRISIS AND OPPORTUNITY. THE CRISIS WE UNDERSTAND VERY WELL.  
13 IT'S THE EXTRAORDINARY PRICES OF HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE  
14 HOUSING, THE LACK THEREOF IN OUR COUNTY. WE HAVE AN  
15 OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE WE HAVE LEADERS WILLING TO LEAD AND  
16 ELECTORATE WILLING TO RESPOND. WE CANNOT HAVE A HEALTHY  
17 COMMUNITY WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE CALAMITY AND THE MORAL  
18 IMPERATIVE OF HOMELESSNESS. THERE ARE THREE ALTERNATIVES  
19 BEFORE YOU. WE WOULD BE HAPPY, I WOULD BE HAPPY, TO SUPPORT  
20 ANY OF THE ALTERNATIVES THAT ARE BEFORE YOU. THEY EACH HAVE  
21 THEIR ADVANTAGES. I CAN SUPPORT, IN FACT, THE QUARTER CENT  
22 SALES TAX AS PROPOSED, RECOGNIZING THAT IT HAS A HIGH  
23 LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS. IT CAN PROVIDE VERY SIGNIFICANT NEW  
24 REVENUE AND THAT IT CAN PROVIDE THAT REVENUE EARLY. BUT EACH



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1 WILL ONLY BEGIN TO MEET THE CHALLENGE. THE CHALLENGE WILL  
2 STILL BE BEFORE US. I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN IN 2018.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

5

6 **STACEY SLEVCOVE:** HELLO. MY NAME IS STACEY SLEVCOVE, AND I'M  
7 REPRESENTING LINK HOUSING, A BUILDER OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
8 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. LINK IS WORKING TO BE PART OF THE  
9 SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS. AND IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING GENERAL  
10 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS CURRENTLY BUILDING 117 UNITS OF  
11 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN L.A. COUNTY. WE APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S  
12 SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL TO  
13 ADDRESS THIS NEED. I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THE NEED FOR  
14 RESOURCES TO PROVIDE GOOD SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN HOUSING FOR  
15 THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS. NOT ONLY ARE SERVICES  
16 CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF RESIDENTS, BUT AVAILABLE FUNDING  
17 FOR SERVICES CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN PUTTING THE PIECES  
18 TOGETHER TO BUILD NEW HOUSING. WE ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO GIVE  
19 VOTERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE ON THE TAX MEASURES THAT WILL  
20 BRING THE MOST FUNDING IN THE QUICKEST MANNER TO IMPLEMENT THE  
21 COUNTY STRATEGIES TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

24





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1 **KATIE HILL:** HI, MY NAME IS KATIE HILL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
2 P.A.T.H., PEOPLE ASSISTING THE HOMELESS, SERVING THOUSANDS OF  
3 HOMELESS AND FORMERLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, VETERANS AND  
4 FAMILIES ACROSS THE COUNTY. WHILE WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF ANY OF  
5 THE REVENUE GENERATING MEASURES BEING DISCUSSED, WE WOULD LIKE  
6 TO URGE YOU TO CONSIDER THE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX THAT WOULD  
7 FUND HOMELESS SERVICES ON AN ONGOING BASIS. THE SALES TAX, IF  
8 APPROVED, WOULD PROVIDE BY FAR THE MOST REVENUE, ALLOWING US  
9 TO IMPLEMENT AND SUSTAIN THE RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES THAT WE  
10 KNOW WILL HAVE THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON HOMELESSNESS IN L.A.  
11 COUNTY. REGARDLESS, WE DEFINITELY KNOW WE WILL NOT SEE ANOTHER  
12 OPPORTUNITY IN TERMS OF PUBLIC ATTENTION ON HOMELESSNESS AND  
13 VOTER TURNOUT LIKE WE WILL IN NOVEMBER. PLEASE GIVE VOTERS THE  
14 OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE IN SOME WAY, SHAPE OR FORM WHETHER THEY  
15 ARE WILLING TO INVEST IN HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK  
16 YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

19

20 **ERIC MONTOYA:** MY NAME IS ERIC MONTOYA. I WORK FOR L.A. FAMILY  
21 HOUSING. I'M A C.S. NAVIGATOR FOR S.P.A. 2 AREA. WHEN I  
22 STARTED DOING OUTREACH IN SUNLAND TUJUNGA NEARLY SEVEN YEARS  
23 AGO, THERE WAS UPWARDS OF 45 PEOPLE LIVING IN THE TUJUNGA  
24 WASH. MANY OF THESE FOLKS HAD BEEN LIVING OUT THERE FOR 5, 10,  
25 EVEN 20 YEARS. THEY WERE VIRTUALLY CUT OFF FROM THE REST OF



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1 SOCIETY AS POLICE TOLD RESIDENTS NOT TO GO INTO THE WASH AREA.  
2 AS A RESULT, THESE FOLKS MIGHT NEVER HAVE HEARD OF ANY OF THE  
3 SERVICES WE WERE OFFERING THEM. NEVERTHELESS LET ALONE  
4 CONNECTED TO SERVICES, AND MOST LIKELY WOULD STILL BE LIVING  
5 IN THEIR TENTS IN THE BUSHES. IT HAS TAKEN ME MANY YEARS AND  
6 COUNTLESS TRIPS TO THE WASH TO BUILD THE RELATIONSHIPS AND  
7 TRUST NEEDED TO GET THESE FOLKS CONNECTED TO SERVICES. THESE  
8 FOLKS LIKE SEAN WE FOUND WITH AN INCREDIBLY BURNED FOOT WHO  
9 COULD HAVE LIKELY DIED FROM AN INFECTION AND THE WOUND BUT HE  
10 WAS TOO SCARED TO CALL POLICE FOR HELP. INSTEAD WE WERE ABLE  
11 TO CONVINCE HIM TO CALL THE PARAMEDICS TO GET HIM THE SERVICES  
12 HE NEEDED. THAT WAS THE FIRST STEP TO BEING ABLE TO GET HIM  
13 INTO A SHELTER BED AND CONNECT HIM TO A HOUSING VOUCHER. THEN  
14 THERE WAS DAVE WHO WAS HOMELESS FOR 10 YEARS BEFORE I MET HIM,  
15 AND HE HAD BEEN INJURED ON THE JOB.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **MARK WILLIAMS.:** MY NAME IS MARK WILLIAMS. I'M A VETERAN OF THE  
20 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD. I'M A RESCUE SWIMMER. I'M A REALTOR  
21 OF CALIFORNIA. I USED TO WORK AT HATHAWAY CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
22 AS A REC THERAPIST. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO PASS PERMANENT  
23 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I WAS BORN IN MALIBU, RAISED IN A GOOD  
24 WORLD. AND YEARS AGO I BECAME PERMANENTLY-- I BECAME  
25 TEMPORARILY PARALYZED A COUPLE YEARS AGO AND I WAS HOMELESS.



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1 AND I STARTED NOTICING THIS IS VERY COMMON IN SOUTHERN  
2 CALIFORNIA. A LOT OF MY FRIENDS WERE ENDING UP ON THE STREETS.  
3 IF IT WASN'T FOR P.A.T.H. HOLLYWOOD WHO REFERRED ME TO L.A.  
4 HOUSING, I MEAN ANTONOVICH'S, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S  
5 DISTRICT, I WOULD PROBABLY BE DEAD TODAY BECAUSE I WAS REALLY  
6 ON THE END AND LIVING IN MY CAR. SO THEY PULLED ME OUT, GOT ME  
7 SURGERY, GOT ME A PLACE TO LIVE. AND FOR A YEAR NOW I'M  
8 STARTING TO RECOVER. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. KEVIN MURRAY. EDWARD  
11 HOLDER. DAVID HOWDEN. ASHLEIGH SUMNER. THERE'S A FAMILIAR  
12 FACE.

13

14 **KEVIN MURRAY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KEVIN  
15 MURRAY. I AM THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE WEINGART CENTER  
16 LOCATED ON 6TH AND SAN PEDRO. WE HOUSE AND FEED AND SERVICE  
17 ABOUT 600 PEOPLE A NIGHT. WE DO THIS ON A DAILY BASIS  
18 PRIMARILY AS AN AGENT OF THE COUNTY. WE HAVE CONTRACTS WITH  
19 D.P.S.S. AND D.M.H. AND D.H.S. AS WELL AS PROBATION. I'M HERE  
20 TO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT A STABLE FUNDING SOURCE FOR  
21 HOMELESSNESS. I PRIMARILY BELIEVE THAT THE QUARTER CENT SALES  
22 TAX IS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT, ALTHOUGH NO ONE LOOKS  
23 FUNDING FOR YOUR ISSUE IN THE FACE. ONE OF THE THINGS I THINK  
24 YOU SHOULD MEASURE YOUR DECISION AGAINST IS THE STABILITY AND  
25 THE TIMELINESS OF THE REVENUE SOURCE. ONE OF THE THINGS IS



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1 THAT WE NEED THIS NOW. AND THE PUBLIC SUPPORT IS OF IT NOW,  
2 AND YOUR SUPPORT, AND THE CITY'S SUPPORT IN COORDINATING WITH  
3 YOU IS NOW. SO WHATEVER CHOICE YOU MAKE, AND I DO NOT ENVY THE  
4 HOBSON'S CHOICES THAT YOU ALL HAVE TO MAKE, BUT WHATEVER  
5 CHOICE THAT YOU MAKE, I HOPE YOU MEASURE IT AGAINST THOSE  
6 THREE STANDARDS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **DAVID HOWDEN:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DAVID HOWDEN FROM  
11 THE CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO  
12 THANK EACH OF YOU AS WELL AS YOUR STAFF FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO  
13 ENDING HOMELESSNESS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES. OVER THE PAST FEW  
14 MONTHS, YOU HAVE TAKEN A NUMBER OF HISTORIC STEPS TO MOVE THE  
15 COUNTY CLOSER TO THAT GOAL, INCLUDING UNANIMOUSLY PASSING THE  
16 COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS, AS  
17 WELL AS DECLARING HOMELESSNESS A STATE OF EMERGENCY THAT  
18 REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE STATE, THE COUNTY AND THE  
19 CITIES ALIKE. BEFORE YOU TODAY IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE  
20 NEXT STEP ONE THAT WOULD ENSURE THE FUNDING NECESSARY TO FULLY  
21 IMPLEMENT THE COUNTY'S STRATEGY, PROVIDING THE SERVICES IN  
22 HOUSING SO CRITICALLY NEEDED TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS FOR  
23 THOUSANDS OF ANGELINOS. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PUBLIC WILL IS  
24 STRONGER THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN. AND THE TIMING IS NOW TO BRING  
25 THE ISSUE TO THE PUBLIC AND NOT ALLOW THEM TO SHOW THEIR



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1 SUPPORT. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT A BALLOT MEASURE IN NOVEMBER,  
2 ONE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A DEDICATED REVENUE SOURCE  
3 COMMENSURATE WITH THE NEED AND ONE THAT WOULD DO SO AS QUICKLY  
4 AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **ASHLEIGH SUMNER:** MY NAME IS ASHLEIGH SUMNER. AND I'M AN ARTIST  
9 LIVING AND WORKING IN THE ARTS DISTRICT. AND FOR THE PAST  
10 DECADE I'VE HAD A FRONT ROW SEAT TO THE GROWING HOMELESS ISSUE  
11 THAT WE'VE ALL BEEN DEALING WITH. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ON  
12 ANY GIVEN NIGHT, THERE ARE 47,000 HOMELESS MEN, WOMEN AND  
13 CHILDREN OF WHOM 35,000 PERSONS ARE LIVING IN PLACES NOT MEANT  
14 FOR HUMAN HABITATION. IN A NATURAL DISASTER, IF IT CAUSED THIS  
15 MANY PEOPLE TO BE HOMELESS, WE WOULD BE TREATING THIS LIKE A  
16 STATE OF EMERGENCY, BECAUSE IT IS. AND I PERSONALLY, ALONG WITH  
17 MANY OTHER PEOPLE IN THE ARTS DISTRICT, WE SUPPORT THE QUARTER  
18 CENT TAX, BECAUSE SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE NOW, NOT IN 2018.  
19 IT IS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL OF US. AND AS PUBLIC SERVANTS,  
20 I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS THE GREATEST ISSUE OF THE  
21 PUBLIC. I DARE YOU TO DRIVE DOWN 6TH OR 5TH STREET AND TELL ME  
22 A GREATER ISSUE THAT'S FACING THE PUBLIC RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU  
23 SO MUCH.

24



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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DON GARZA. CARLOS RINCON. SIEGLINDE  
2   VON DEFFNER MARSHA TEMPLE. YANA SIMONE. PETER LYNN.

3

4   **DON GARZA:** DON GARZA. I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE. AND I RECOGNIZE  
5   SOME PEOPLE. AND I WAS AT THE MIDNIGHT MISSION ON SUNDAY, AS  
6   WELL. GOT TO SING WITH DICK VAN DYKE AND I'M A MEMBER OF URBAN  
7   FORCES CHOIR THERE ON SKID ROW. YOU'RE ONE OF MY HEROES,  
8   BELIEVE IT OR NOT, AND SO ARE YOU. SO WHAT I'M GOING TO TELL  
9   YOU TODAY IS JUST GET IT DONE. IT'S EXHAUSTING. IT'S  
10   EXHAUSTING WORK. RIGHT NOW I'M WORKING WITH A YOUNG MAN. I'VE  
11   BEEN WORKING WITH HIM FOUR YEARS. HE FINALLY HAS A VOUCHER FOR  
12   A ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT. WE'VE GOT TILL AUGUST 8TH FOR THAT  
13   VOUCHER TO EXPIRE. PLEASE GET THIS DONE AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE  
14   YOU, SHEILA AND OTHERS, IF YOU WANT YOUR ANSWERS ESPECIALLY  
15   ABOUT MARIJUANA AND STUFF LIKE THAT, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO-  
16   - WHEN BLAIR BESTON COMES UP HERE, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU.  
17   SHE'S JUST RIGHT DOWN THE STREET. SHE'S HISTORIC CORE BUSINESS  
18   FROM DISTRICT-- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SPEND TIME WITH HER. YOU  
19   ARE GOING TO GET YOUR ANSWERS.

20

21   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PERHAPS WE CAN HAVE SOMEONE ON STAFF  
22   MEET WITH HIM TO TALK ABOUT THE VOUCHER SECTION 8. SOMEONE  
23   FROM OUR DEPARTMENT? CARLOS RINCON? MARSHA TEMPLE. YANA  
24   SIMONE. PETER LYNN. GOING ONCE, TWICE. CALVIN BRUTON. QUEEN



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1 SEARLES. ARMANDO GUDINO. ANN SEWILL. GO AHEAD, MA'AM. STATE  
2 YOUR NAME.

3

4 **SIEGLINDE VON DEFFNER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SIEGLINDE  
5 VON DEFFNER AND I'M WITH THE UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES.  
6 AND I LIVE AND WORK IN S.P.A. 3 AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL  
7 FOR YOUR HARD WORK THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING ON ADDRESSING OUR  
8 HOMELESS CRISIS. AND I THINK YOU ALL KNOW THAT IT DOESN'T STOP  
9 HERE. AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE MEASURES PUT FORTH TO CREATE  
10 ONGOING FUNDING STREAMS SO THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY PUT AN END TO  
11 THIS PROBLEM. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GET ALL OF THE  
12 MEASURES ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT AND ALLOW US TO DECIDE AS  
13 VOTERS WHAT WE THINK THE BEST DECISIONS ARE. I THINK THEY'RE  
14 ALL GREAT MEASURES. I THINK WE WANT ONGOING FUNDING STREAMS  
15 AND WE WANT TO END THIS THING, AND WE APPRECIATE DOING IT IN  
16 PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER. YES,  
19 SIR.

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21 **CALVIN BRUTON:** MY NAME IS CALVIN BRUTON. I REPRESENT NEW EARTH  
22 WHICH IS AN ORGANIZATION. RIGHT NOW THEY'RE FINANCIALLY  
23 STABLE. WELL, HOW CAN I SAY IT? I'M CURRENTLY IN A V.O.A.,  
24 WHICH IS VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA PATHWAYS AT THE MEN'S SHELTER  
25 38TH AND BROADWAY. I CAME HERE BECAUSE I REPRESENT NEW EARTH





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1 AND RIGHT NOW WE IN NEED OF FUNDS TO HELP WITH YOUNG MEN AND  
2 YOUNG WOMEN THAT'S TRYING TO GET THEIR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.  
3 HOUSING, HOUSING REFERRALS. ANYTHING THAT CAN HELP THE YOUNG  
4 ADULTS WHO ARE WORKING, AFFORDABLE AND PERMANENT HOUSING.  
5 THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

8

9 **ANN SEWILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M ANN SEWILL OF THE CALIFORNIA  
10 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, HERE ONCE AGAIN TO THANK YOU, ALL OF  
11 YOU, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS. YOU'VE ADOPTED A  
12 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT CALLS FOR AROUND \$450 MILLION A YEAR  
13 TO IMPLEMENT. YOU'VE DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY. AND NOW  
14 YOU'RE STRUGGLING WITH HOW DO WE REALLY PUT THE MEAT ON THE  
15 BONES AND REALLY BRING IT HOME TO ACTUALLY SUCCEED IN WHAT YOU  
16 SET FORTH TO DO? I URGE YOU TO DO WHAT WILL BRING THE MOST  
17 MONEY THE FASTEST. WE HAVE A CRISIS. LISTENING TO THE  
18 MARIJUANA DISCUSSION, I CAME HERE PREPARED TO SAY DO WHATEVER.  
19 BUT 2018 JUST SOUNDS LIKE A REALLY LONG TIME TO ACTUALLY  
20 RESPOND. SO I URGE YOU TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO PRODUCE  
21 THE MONEY NOW BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A CRISIS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

24



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1   **ARMANDO GUDINO:** THANK YOU. ARMANDO GUDINO, DRUG POLICY  
2   ALLIANCE. MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I BRING TO YOU  
3   SOME DOCUMENTS THAT OUTLINE THE PROPOSITION 64. AS MY PREVIOUS  
4   COLLEAGUE REFERENCED, WE ARE PROPONENTS. AND I ALSO WANT TO  
5   STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU GUYS TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND LOOK AT  
6   THIS ISSUE VERY, VERY, VERY CLOSELY. WE ARE RUNNING THE RISK  
7   OF MAINTAINING THE BLACK MARKET IF WE TAX TOO HIGH. WE ARE  
8   RUNNING THE RISK OF GETTING AHEAD OF OURSELVES WHEN HAVEN'T  
9   EVEN STOP[ED THE BANNING, WHEN WE HAVEN'T REGULATED MEDICAL  
10  MARIJUANA. EVEN YOUR EXPERTS THIS AFTERNOON I THINK REALLY  
11  HIGHLIGHTED A CONCERN OF MINE WHEN WE TALK SO MUCH ABOUT THIS  
12  ISSUE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, YET NOBODY MENTIONED THAT 60 PERCENT  
13  OF THIS PROPOSED BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY WILL GO TOWARDS  
14  FUNDING YOUTH DRUG PREVENTION, EDUCATION AND TREATMENT. AND I  
15  THINK THIS SPEAKS TO THE ISSUE IN HOW MUCH MORE NEEDS TO BE  
16  LEARNED AND UNDERSTOOD ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE AND I ENCOURAGE  
17  YOU TO DO SO BEFORE YOU MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU.

18

19  **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GREG SPIEGEL. DESTINY  
20  VAZQUEZ. NEREIDA VAZQUEZ. ORINIO OPINALDO SARAH ARMSTRONG. GO  
21  AHEAD, MA'AM.

22

23  **DESTINY VAZQUEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS DESTINY VAZQUEZ. I AM 16 YEARS  
24  OLD AND I AM SOPHOMORE IN HIGH SCHOOL. I'M HERE BECAUSE I WANT  
25  TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE CAN LEGALIZE MARIJUANA AND TAX IT. WE CAN



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1 USE THE MONEY THEY TAX FOR MARIJUANA FOR MANY OF OUR HOMELESS  
2 IN THE NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES AREA. IN THE PAST THREE YEARS,  
3 THE HOMELESS POPULATION IN JUST THE NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES HAS  
4 INCREASED TREMENDOUSLY. THIS IS A PROBLEM. I HELP OUT AN  
5 ORGANIZATION CALLED RECYCLE RESOURCES FOR THE HOMELESS. WE  
6 NEED THE FUNDING TO HELP THESE PEOPLE OUT. I KNOW MANY PEOPLE  
7 OUT IN THE STREETS OF THE NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES AREA WITH KIDS  
8 MY AGE AND MAYBE EVEN YOUNGER. WE DO NOT ASK TO BE HOMELESS.  
9 BUT THEY ARE. WE NEED TO START TO BUY PROPERTY. WE NEED TO  
10 START AFFORDING HOUSING THAT IS CHEAP. THIS IS A BIG PROBLEM.  
11 THE REASON WHY I CARE IS BECAUSE I WAS HOMELESS ON THE STREET  
12 FOR TWO YEARS OF MY LIFE. I WAS A KID AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT  
13 WAS HAPPENING. I WAS JUST EIGHT YEARS OLD AT THE TIME. WE  
14 ENDED UP LOSING OUR SECTION 8 WHEN MY MOM GOT IT. MY MOM WAS  
15 STABLE ENOUGH TO PAY FOR TWO MONTHS. WHO KNOWS IF A PERSON  
16 LIVING ON THE STREET FIVE YEARS IS ABLE AND STABLE ENOUGH TO  
17 PAY A HOUSE THAT COSTS SO MUCH. I AM HERE AS THEIR VOICE, AND  
18 WHY? BECAUSE I DIDN'T ASK TO BE HOMELESS, EITHER. AS THE  
19 PERSON I AM TODAY, I'M A 16-YEAR-OLD YOUNG ADULT KNOWING WHAT  
20 SHE WANTS IN LIFE AND WHY? BECAUSE WE GOT THE HELP WE NEEDED  
21 AND I WANT TO GIVE BACK TO THOSE IN NEED.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] HOLD ON. HOLD  
24 ON.

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1   **FRED SPIEGEL:** FRED SPIEGEL, INNER CITY LAW CENTER. FIRST,  
2   THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN TAKING US THIS FAR ON  
3   HOMELESSNESS. YOU HAVE DEVELOPED AND ADOPTED THE MOST  
4   COMPREHENSIVE AND INNOVATIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. YOU  
5   HAVE COMMITTED OVER 100 MILLION IN ONE TIME FUNDING TO  
6   IMPLEMENT IT. HOWEVER WITHOUT A PERMANENT REVENUE SOURCE TO  
7   FUND THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, THE PLAN WILL BECOME A LONG LINE  
8   OF PLANS BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT HAVE ADDRESSED THE UNDERLYING  
9   DYNAMICS OF HOMELESSNESS. WE'RE ASKING THAT YOU GO FURTHER,  
10   THAT YOU COME TOGETHER TO DO SOMETHING TRULY HISTORIC THAT CAN  
11   MAKE HOMELESSNESS RARE AND BRIEF IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ASK  
12   THAT YOU PLACE AN ONGOING REVENUE SOURCE TO ADDRESS  
13   HOMELESSNESS ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. WHILE WE EACH HAVE OUR  
14   OWN PREFERENCES ON WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST VEHICLE, MINE WOULD  
15   BE SALES TAX BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNTS BECAUSE THE TIMING AND THE  
16   CERTAINTY. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS ARE THAT IT BE SUBSTANTIAL,  
17   ENOUGH MONEY TO COVER THE FUNDING GAP FOR ONGOING SERVICES AND  
18   SUBSIDIES AS OUTLINED IN THE COUNTY'S PLAN, THAT IT BE IN  
19   NOVEMBER AND THAT IT WIN. THANK YOU.

20

21   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS VAZQUEZ.

22

23   **NEREIDA VAZQUEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS NERI VASQUEZ AND I LIVE IN THE  
24   AREA OF NORTHEAST L.A., GASHILL PARK. AS YOU GUYS SEEN A  
25   LITTLE BIT AGO, MY DAUGHTER IS HERE TO SHARE HER STORY. THE



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1 REASON WHY I'M HERE-- AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY-- IS  
2 BECAUSE I'M ONE OF THE ONES THAT THE STATISTICS IN THE  
3 HOMELESSNESS POPULATION WHERE WE CAN'T GET ON OUR FEET FOR  
4 WHATEVER REASON. OR WE GET HOUSING. I BEEN HOUSED BEFORE. I  
5 GOT MY SECTION 8 BEING HOMELESS WITH MY KIDS AND EVEN WITH MY  
6 KIDS GOT REMOVED BECAUSE OF MY MENTAL ILLNESS OR BECAUSE I  
7 SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, I WASN'T ENDANGERMENT TO MY KIDS.  
8 IT'S NOT ABOUT BEING HOUSED. IT'S HOW TO MAINTAIN OUR HOUSING.  
9 HOW TO COLLABORATE WITH THE RESOURCES THAT ARE OUT THERE TO  
10 HELP THEM SUSTAIN AND KEEP THEIR HOUSING. THERE'S A LOT OF  
11 AREAS IN OUR LIFE CIRCLE TO BE ABLE TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND  
12 PRODUCTIVE. BUT NOW BECAUSE I HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS OR I AM  
13 HOMELESS AGAIN WITHOUT CUSTODY OF MY KIDS IS GOING TO STOP ME  
14 FROM BEING THE VOICE OF THOSE THAT AREN'T HEARD LIKE MYSELF.  
15 I'M A HOMELESS PERSON RIGHT NOW, IF YOU GUYS BELIEVE IT OR  
16 NOT. AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN  
17 COLLABORATE NOT ONLY PASSING THE LAW BUT WORKING OTHERWISE IN  
18 JUST GETTING US HOUSED.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SHARING.  
21 THANK YOU, MA'AM.

22

23 **SARAH ARMSTRONG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I AM SARAH ARMSTRONG,  
24 DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY AFFAIRS FOR AMERICANS FOR SAFE ACCESS.  
25 WE'RE HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU NOT TO IMPOSE MEDICAL MARIJUANA



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1 TAXES. RIGHT NOW, PATIENTS PAY 9 PERCENT STATE SALES TAX AND  
2 LOCAL TAX OF 6 PERCENT FOR COMBINED TAX OF 15 PERCENT. IF YOU  
3 IMPOSE NEW 10 PERCENT TAX, AS YOU PROPOSE TO DO, PATIENTS IN  
4 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WILL HAVE A COMBINED TAX OF 25  
5 PERCENT, A TAX YOU WOULD NEVER CONTEMPLATE IMPOSING ON INSULIN  
6 OR BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICATION. TAXING THE SICK AND DYING TO PAY  
7 FOR PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT ANOTHER BELEAGUERED SEGMENT OF YOUR  
8 CONSTITUENCY IS PROBLEMATIC. THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO FUND  
9 THESE PROGRAMS, AND WE WOULD URGE YOU TO LOOK AT THEM AS THEY  
10 ALL WILL PRODUCE MORE REVENUE THAN A TAX ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA.  
11 IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENTS HAVE  
12 CHRONIC OR DEBILITATING ILLNESSES. AS TIME GOES BY, THEY MAY  
13 BE LESS AND LESS ABLE TO SUSTAIN THEMSELVES. IT SEEMS UNFAIR  
14 TO TAX A SEGMENT WHICH MAY WELL END UP HOMELESS AS A RESULT OF  
15 THEIR ILLNESS, PARTICULARLY WHEN THOSE WHO END UP HOMELESS ARE  
16 TYPICALLY MINORITIES. PLEASE REMOVE THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA TAX.  
17 YOU HAVE OTHER OPTIONS. AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA PATIENTS ARE  
18 ALREADY TAXED.

19  
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BRAD JENSEN. LISA PAYNE.  
21 SHARI WEAVER. CARLOS MATA. YES, SIR.

22  
23 **ORINIO OPINALDO:** GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS, SUPERVISOR. I,  
24 ORINIO OPINALDO, AM GLAD YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE HOMELESS.  
25 WHILE THE CITY COUNCIL DID EVERYTHING TO MAKE THE HOMELESS



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1 CRIMINALS WITH POSSESSIONS, CONSISTENTLY L.A. CITY COUNCIL  
2 WOULD NOT RESPOND ABOUT THE BANKS CREATING A REZONING AND LAND  
3 GENTRIFICATION. WHY DO CITIZENS HAVE TO PAY MORE TAXES FOR  
4 SOMETHING THE BANKS AND OTHERS ARE DOING WITH DISPLACEMENT?  
5 WHY PRESENT MAKE A BILL TO MAKE CORPORATE DISPLACERS WHO ARE  
6 DISPLACING FAMILIES IN KOREATOWN, EAST L.A., SOUTH CENTRAL,  
7 PAY FOR THAT DISPLACEMENT, INSTEAD OF LOW PAID, HARD WORKING  
8 CITIZENS? I AND MY 14 GRANDCHILDREN ENDED UP HOMELESS DUE TO  
9 THE BANKS WHO TOOK ALL MY EQUITY OF \$1.5 MILLION. I AM GLAD  
10 YOU CARE ABOUT THE HOMELESS. BUT CARE FOR THE TAXPAYERS AND GO  
11 AFTER THE BANKS CREATING HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **LISA PAYNE:** MY NAME IS LISA PAYNE. I'M WITH THE SOUTHERN  
14 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING. WE THANK YOU FOR  
15 REALIZING THE SCOPE OF THE INCREASINGLY WORSENING CALAMITY AS  
16 WELL AS THE CLEAR DESIRE OF THE PUBLIC THAT ALSO RECOGNIZES  
17 THIS CRISIS IS WORSENING AND HAS AN URGENT DESIRE TO FIND  
18 SIGNIFICANT FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE. WE THANK YOU,  
19 SUPERVISORS, FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE AND THE DIFFERENT STEPS YOU  
20 HAVE TAKEN TO GET US HERE SO THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING A BALLOT  
21 MEASURE THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE ISSUE. WE URGE YOU BECAUSE IT'S  
22 RIGHT AND BECAUSE THE PUBLIC WANTS YOU TO FIND THE MEASURE  
23 THAT WILL PROVIDE THE MOST FUNDING IN THE QUICKEST WAY  
24 POSSIBLE. THAT IS WHAT THE POLLING SUGGESTS THE PUBLIC WANTS,  
25 AND WE URGE YOU TO PUT THAT BEFORE THEM TO VOTE ON. THANK YOU.





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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

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4 **SHARI WEAVER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SHARI WEAVER FROM  
5 HARBOR INTERFAITH SERVICES IN SAN PEDRO AND I'M THE  
6 COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR S.P.A. 8. IN  
7 THE PAST TWO YEARS, WITH THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM, WE'VE  
8 PLACED OVER 454 CHRONIC HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH HOUSING.  
9 EVEN WITH THIS GOOD WORK, WE ARE BARELY PUTTING A DENT IN  
10 REDUCING THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREETS.  
11 WE APPRECIATE THE COUNTY'S INITIAL INVESTMENT AND LOOK FORWARD  
12 TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS CRISIS IN  
13 L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE A PLAN IN OUR REGION TO END HOMELESSNESS,  
14 HOWEVER, WITHOUT THE SUSTAINED RESOURCES AND ADEQUATE HOUSING  
15 RESOURCES, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL. WE HAVE  
16 HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUALS RIGHT NOW WITH SECTION 8 VOUCHERS THAT  
17 WILL EXPIRE AND THEY WILL REMAIN HOMELESS BECAUSE OF  
18 HISTORICALLY LOW VACANCIES IN L.A. COUNTY. IN THE PAST TWO  
19 YEARS WE'VE HAD TWO SUPPORTIVE PROPERTIES OPEN UP WITH 158  
20 UNITS TOTAL. THESE UNITS WERE FOR SINGLE ADULTS, SENIORS,  
21 VETERANS AND FAMILIES AND WE WERE COMPLETELY FILLED IN LESS  
22 THAN ONE MONTH'S TIME. WE NEED YOUR VOTE TO PASS THESE BALLOT  
23 MEASURES, ESPECIALLY THE 1/4-CENT SALES TAX. THANK YOU.

24



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1   **SUP. KNABE:** LET ME SAY THANKFUL TO HARBOR INTERFAITH. THEY DO  
2   A PHENOMENAL JOB DOWN THERE.

3

4   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE NEXT SERIES OF SPEAKERS ARE BRAD  
5   JENSEN. CARLOS MATA, OLIVER BUIE. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.  
6   EDNESHA WILSON. JANET KELLY.

7

8   **OLIVER BUIE:** READY? OKAY. I'M REVEREND OLIVER E. BUIE FROM  
9   HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND ALSO A MEMBER OF L.A.  
10   VOICE. I'M HERE TO ENCOURAGE AND URGE THE URGENCY OF THE BOARD  
11   OF SUPERVISORS TO PASS THE QUARTER PERCENT TAX INCREASE TO  
12   COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR VISIONARY  
13   LEADERSHIP. ALSO, I NOTICE THAT THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF  
14   ENTHUSIASM BEHIND BODY CAMS. IF YOU RESOLVE THIS HOMELESS  
15   PROBLEM, WE WON'T NEED BODY CAMS OR HAVE A GREAT NEED OF  
16   HOMELESSNESS IF YOU GET RID OF IT, WE CAN ELIMINATE A LOT OF  
17   THE ILLS HERE IN OUR CITY AND ALSO WE PROFESS TO BE SUCH A  
18   GREAT CITY, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE CARE OF EVERYONE AND  
19   NOT JUST SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THE CITY. I WANT TO THANK YOU  
20   AND I JUST URGE YOU TO DO SO. AND ALSO I DON'T USE DRUGS,  
21   NEVER USED DRUGS, BUT WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, THE PEOPLE OF  
22   CALIFORNIA ARE GOING TO PASS THAT LAW AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO  
23   BE PROACTIVE IN THINKING OF WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO AND HOW  
24   YOU'RE GOING TO ADDRESS WHEN THAT TAKES PLACE. AND HAVE A  
25   GREAT DAY.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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4 **EDNESHA WILSON:** MY NAME IS EDNESHA WILSON AND I'M CURRENTLY  
5 HOMELESS YOUTH IN SANCTUARY OF GOOD HOPE. I'M 20 YEARS OF AGE.  
6 I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE HOMELESS YOUTH IN SOUTH CENTRAL  
7 BECAUSE WE NEED MORE FUNDING AND MORE RESOURCES AND  
8 OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT YOUNG ADULTS ARE ABLE TO SURVIVE AND  
9 TRANSITION THROUGH ADULthood. WE NEED MORE ACTIVITIES FOR  
10 YOUNG ADULTS TO STAY POSITIVE AND ACTIVE WHEN WE ARE FACING  
11 HOUSING INSECURITY. I URGE YOU TO CONSIDER ALL TAX PERCENT  
12 OPTIONS SO THAT EACH PERSON LIKE ME CAN HAVE A HOME AND  
13 SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR A PROMISING FUTURE. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

16

17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
18 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. DEFINITELY, HOMELESSNESS IS A KEY  
19 ISSUE. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T GET DILUTED LOOKING  
20 AT DIFFERENT THINGS AND MAYBE SLOW DOWN WHAT WE ARE GOING TO  
21 DO ABOUT THE HOMELESS. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE MARIJUANA  
22 ISSUE FOR MANY REASONS. IT HAS BEEN SOME VERY GOOD STUDIES,  
23 LONG TERM STUDIES THAT ACTUALLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
24 MENTIONED SOMETIME. BUT I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU READ  
25 ALL THE WORK OF DR. DON ABRAMS, WHO HAVE WORKED WITH MARIJUANA



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1 FOR 25 YEARS AND HAVE DONE SOLID STUDY, AND REALLY LOOK AT THE  
2 IMPLICATION BECAUSE ON YOUNG CHILDREN IT HAS VERY NEFARIOUS  
3 IMPACT. SO PLEASE LOOK AT THAT.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

6

7 **ERICA BARNARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ERICA BARNARD AND I  
8 AM A FORMER FOSTER YOUTH AND HOMELESS YOUTH WITH SANCTUARY OF  
9 HOPE. I FEEL LIKE IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG  
10 ADULTS TO HAVE A VARIETY OF HOUSING OPTIONS, INCLUDING  
11 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PERMANENT  
12 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, THAT THIS PROPOSAL WILL PROVIDE. WE CANNOT  
13 IGNORE THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS ON OUR COMMUNITIES. ON  
14 BEHALF OF ALL HOMELESS YOUTH, I'M HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
15 TO FIND INVESTMENTS FOR TAX PROPOSAL OPTIONS NEEDED FOR ALL  
16 HOMELESS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS WHO ARE HOMELESS IN PLAIN  
17 SIGHT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

20

21 **JANET KELLY:** HI, MY NAME IS JANET KELLY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
22 SANCTUARY OF HOPE THAT PROVIDES YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR  
23 VULNERABLE YOUTH. THIS TAX PROPOSAL THAT IS BEFORE YOU RIGHT  
24 NOW IS A CONSIDERATION OF LOVE. DO WE LOVE OUR HOMELESS  
25 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENOUGH TO TAKE A BOLD STEP TO



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1 PROVIDE COMPASSION AND INVEST IN RESOURCES TO GIVE COUNTY  
2 ANGELINOS THE DIGNITY OF HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES? FOR TOO  
3 LONG WE HAVE WORKED WITH LITTLE OR NOTHING IN ORDER TO DO A  
4 LOT, AND HAVE WORKED MIRACLES ON BEHALF OF OUR HOMELESS  
5 PATRONS WITH LIMITATIONS. NOW IS TIME TO SAY NO MORE. NO MORE  
6 SITTING ON THE SIDELINES AS SPECTATORS WAITING FOR THE  
7 SITUATION TO CHANGE OR GET BETTER. NO MORE SAYING NO TO  
8 OPTIONS THAT CAN BE THE CATALYST TO END HOMELESSNESS.  
9 HOMELESSNESS IS A SCOURGE THAT NO ADULT, CHILD OR EVEN YOUNG  
10 ADULT SHOULD EVER ENDURE. HOME IS A FOUNDATION AND BUILDING  
11 BLOCK FOR LIVING A WHOLESOME LIFE. MY THREE CENTS SAY THAT YOU  
12 CONSIDER ALL THE TAX PROPOSAL OPTIONS ON THE TABLE FOR THE  
13 NOVEMBER BALLOT. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE SOFYA PREGER.  
16 JONATHAN GARBER. JOSEPH MAIZLISH, MILO PEINEMANN. MARLENE  
17 RADER. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

18

19 **SOFYA PREGER:** MY NAME IS SOFYA PREGER. I'M ALSO FORMER FOSTER  
20 YOUTH. SPEAKING TO THE GENTLEMAN THAT WALKED DOWN SKID ROW  
21 THAT SAID, "WE CAN'T HELP THESE PEOPLE, THEY'RE ON DRUGS AND  
22 MENTALLY ILL." WELL, YOU'RE WRONG. I WAS ON DRUGS. I HAVE  
23 BIPOLAR DISORDER. I MOST RECENTLY GOT MYSELF A JOB AS A COURT  
24 INTERPRETER FOR THE COUNTY CLERK IN RUSSIAN AND SPANISH. AND  
25 THE WAY I'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO THIS BY HAVING MIRACLE WORKERS IN



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1 MY LIFE. SHERRY GOLD WHO WORKS WITH SHEILA KUEHL WAS MY  
2 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER WHEN I WAS A JUVENILE. I HAVE NEVER  
3 REOFFENDED. LINDE VON DEFFNER, WHO IS NOW WITH UNION STATION  
4 IN PASADENA WAS MY CASEWORKER. SHE SAVED MY LIFE WHEN THEY  
5 CAME TO MY HOUSE WHEN THERE WAS LITERALLY 3 FEET OF PAPERWORK  
6 ON THE FLOOR BECAUSE SOMEONE STOLE MY IDENTITY WHO WAS  
7 ACTUALLY-- I'M A SURVIVOR OF SEXUAL ABUSE AS A CHILD, AND AS  
8 WELL AS AN ADULT AT THE HANDS OF PEOPLE WORKING IN MENTAL  
9 HEALTH WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE THERE TO PROVIDE TREATMENT, NOT  
10 TO RETRAUMATIZE PEOPLE. YOUNG ADULTS AND CHILDREN ON THE  
11 STREETS ARE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE. YOU'VE HEARD FROM THESE  
12 KIDS. THEY'RE 16. THEY'VE BEEN HOMELESS AT 8. THIS IS NOT  
13 RIGHT. WE KEEP BUILDING NEW DEVELOPMENTS WHERE PEOPLE CANNOT  
14 AFFORD TO LIVE. EVERYONE WHO IS NATIVE-- I HAVE A FRIEND BEING  
15 BOUGHT OUT. THEY SOLD HIS BUILDING. THEY ARE GOING TO DEMOLISH  
16 IT AND BUILD CONDOMINIUMS. BUT NOBODY IS BUILDING AFFORDABLE  
17 HOUSING AND THE UNITS THEY ARE BUILDING IS NOT ENOUGH TO  
18 ADDRESS THE CRISIS. I URGE YOU ALL TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION  
19 ANY SORT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE WHATSOEVER. LET THE PUBLIC  
20 DECIDE WHAT THEY'RE WILLING TO SACRIFICE IN ORDER TO HELP  
21 THOSE THAT HAVE LESS. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, MA'AM?

24



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1   **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS JOSEPH MAIZLISH.  
2   THERE WE ARE AGAIN. I SPOKE TO YOU THIS MORNING ABOUT LAND USE  
3   AND THERE WAS AGAIN IN EVERY ISSUE THAT APPEARS. SHORT  
4   REMINDER. THERE WILL BE A DECLINE IN CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT  
5   EXPENSES ALSO WITH THE REGULATED THE USE OF MARIJUANA. I  
6   IMAGINE A PARENT WITH A CHILD WHO'S IN SOME KIND OF DRUG  
7   TROUBLE FOR ANY DRUG. IF THEY ARE WEALTHY, THEY CAN PAY FOR  
8   SOMETHING ON THEIR OWN. IF NOT, THEY MAY HAVE TO TRY TO USE  
9   PUBLIC SERVICES. AND THAT BRINGS UP FEAR OF SENDING THEIR  
10   YOUTH TO JUVENILE, THEIR FAMILY MEMBER TO JUVENILE HALL. BUT I  
11   HAVE A GENERAL POINT HERE. THERE'S SO MANY NEEDS, ESPECIALLY  
12   FOR UNSTABLE CHILDHOODS, HOUSING, THE HOMELESS. THERE NEEDS TO  
13   BE SOME THINKING BETWEEN EMERGENCY MOMENTS TO GET A  
14   SYSTEMATIC, STABLE SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY AND THE  
15   STATE AND ALL THE THINGS YOU NEED TO DO SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE  
16   TO TRADE, SO THAT PEOPLE DON'T SAY HAVE A LOTTERY SO YOU CAN  
17   SUPPORT EDUCATION, HAVE THIS SO YOU CAN SUPPORT THAT. A REALLY  
18   SYSTEMATIC, THOROUGH GOING, RETHINKING AND DON'T WAIT FOR  
19   EMERGENCIES ON WHERE THE WEALTH IS.

20

21   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

22

23   **MARLENE RADER:** MY NAME IS MARLENE RADER. THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF  
24   THE BOARD. I'M HERE TO ADDRESS THE 3-CENT PROPERTY TAX  
25   INCREASE. I AM A PROPONENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WHO ARE





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1 HOMELESS THIS IS A SERIOUS ISSUE NATIONWIDE. MY HUSBAND AND I  
2 LIVE IN KEGEL CANYON AND WE BOUGHT OUR HOME IN 1997. OUR  
3 PROPERTY TAXES INCREASE EACH YEAR. HOWEVER, OUR INCOME HAS  
4 DROPPED BY 20 PERCENT. ACCORDINGLY, TO MY CALCULATIONS, AT 3  
5 CENTS PER SQUARE FOOT, OUR TAXES WILL INCREASE BY \$1,305. IN  
6 ADDITION TO OUR ANNUAL TAX INCREASE. THIS CREATES A HARDSHIP  
7 FOR PROPERTY OWNERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE ON FIXED INCOMES. I  
8 BELIEVE IN FAIRNESS TO ALL. A QUARTER PERCENT SALES TAX  
9 INCREASE SHOULD BE PROPOSED TO THE VOTERS SO THE BURDEN DOES  
10 NOT FALL ON THE PROPERTY OWNER. THESE YOUNG CHILDREN WILL  
11 NEVER BE ABLE TO BUY A HOME WITH OUR TAX INCREASE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **JONATHAN GARBER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JONATHAN GARBER.  
16 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK HERE AS WELL AS THANK  
17 YOU TO THE STAFF MEMBERS THAT PUT TOGETHER THE REPORT ON  
18 MARIJUANA. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE MARIJUANA TAX  
19 INITIATIVE. HOWEVER, THERE IS A MAJOR ISSUE. THE FACT THAT IT  
20 DOESN'T PROVIDE ANYTHING UNTIL WELL INTO 2018 AS IT'S  
21 CURRENTLY WRITTEN. THE MAJOR ISSUE IS THAT YOU'VE MADE IT  
22 CONTINGENT ON A.M.A. PASSING WHEN WE RECENTLY, THE STATE  
23 LEGISLATURE, VERY RECENTLY PASSED M.M.R.S.A. WHICH COMPLETELY  
24 REGULATES THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY AND PROVIDES TAXES  
25 THROUGH THE BILL ALREADY AND YOU CAN LEVY FURTHER TAXES. THAT



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1 CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE I MEAN YOU KNOW IF I WERE TO GET A  
2 LICENSE, JANUARY AFTER THE NOVEMBER BALLOT, I COULD BE  
3 BRINGING YOU GUYS PAYMENTS WITHIN FOUR MONTHS, FIVE MONTHS FOR  
4 CULTIVATION OPERATION. DELIVERIES WITHIN 30 DAYS COULD BRING  
5 YOU TAX PAYMENTS. SO I THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING TO LOOK AT  
6 IN REGARDS TO TAXING MARIJUANA WHICH NEEDS TO HAPPEN. I THANK  
7 YOU FOR DOING THAT. THAT'S IT.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **JONATHAN GARBER:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MILO PEINEMANN. BRIAN GAVIN.

14 CHRISTOPHER MCCOY. IS STEVEN B. JOHNSON HERE? YES, GO AHEAD  
15 AND COME FORWARD.

16

17 **CHRISTOPHER MCCOY:** THANK YOU FOR LISTENING, BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME'S CHRISTOPHER WARREN MCCOY. SO THAT YOU  
19 UNDERSTAND MY BACKGROUND, I SKIPPED THE EIGHTH GRADE BECAUSE I  
20 HAD ENOUGH GOOD GRADES. I SCORED OVER 99 PERCENTILE ON ALMOST  
21 EVERY PART OF MY P.S.A.T. TEST. I HAVE NEVER BEEN FIRED FOR A  
22 JOB AND HAVE EXEMPLARY RESUME AND I'VE BEEN A VOLUNTEER MEDIC  
23 AT OCCUPY L.A. I AM CURRENTLY HOMELESS BY CHOICE BECAUSE I END  
24 UP BEING A STREET MEDIC TO MAKE SURE THAT MANY OF MY FRIENDS  
25 WHO ARE EITHER MENTALLY DISABLED OR DO HARD DRUGS STAY OUT OF



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1 JAIL AND DON'T GET HURT. YOU CAN CHECK ME. I DON'T DO ANY HARD  
2 DRUGS OR ANYTHING. I JUST SMOKE MARIJUANA AND HAVE A BEER  
3 OCCASIONALLY. AND I JUST LISTEN TO A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE SIT  
4 IN THESE CHAIRS AND TALK ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. AND CORRECT ME IF  
5 I'M WRONG, BUT I THINK I'M THE ONLY PERSON IN THIS ROOM WHO  
6 HASN'T SHOWERED IN MONTHS. HAS ANYBODY ELSE?

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **CHRISTOPHER MCCOY:** I'M SAYING PLEASE TAKE CARE OF IT BUT THE  
11 THING IS YOU REALIZE PEOPLE WHO--

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR?

14

15 **BRIAN GAVIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS BRIAN GAVIN. I'M HERE  
16 TO ADDRESS THE SQUARE FOOTAGE SALES TAX OR PROPERTY TAX. IT  
17 ONLY TARGETING PROPERTY OWNERS AND THAT'S NOT FAIR BECAUSE  
18 HOMELESSNESS IS A PROBLEM FOR ALL OF L.A. COUNTY. IT RESTRICTS  
19 THE DREAM OF HOME OWNERSHIP. WE'RE ABOUT TO BE TAXED OUT OF  
20 OUR HOME IF THIS PASSES. I BOUGHT A PIECE OF PROPERTY, MY  
21 HUSBAND AND I, THAT NOBODY ELSE WANTED. IT'S 12 ACRES. IT IS  
22 NEIGHBORING AN OPEN AIR GUN RANGE. THE NOISE IS HORRIBLE. AND  
23 IF THIS PASSES, MY PROPERTY TAXES ARE GOING TO GO UP \$20,000  
24 PER YEAR. NO ONE CAN HANDLE THAT. NO ONE CAN COME UP WITH AN  
25 ADDITIONAL \$20,000 JUST BECAUSE SOMEBODY SAID THAT NOW'S THE



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1 TIME TO PAY THAT. I NOTICE THAT YOUR PRESENTATION DIDN'T BRING  
2 INTO EFFECT WHAT THE RESULT OF THAT TAX WOULD BE ON PROPERTY  
3 OWNERS. IT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO DO  
4 IT. WE WERE HIT WITH A FIRE TAX RECENTLY. AND THAT'S GOING UP.  
5 IT'S NOT CALLED A TAX. IT'S CALLED A FEE. PROP 33 WAS PASSED  
6 TO PROTECT US FROM THIS AND YOU'RE TRYING TO USURP THE LAW.  
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. MR. JOHNSON? YOU WANTED TO  
10 SPEAK? READ A LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE SHERIFF?

11

12 **STEVEN JOHNSON:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR SOLIS AND  
13 DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
14 STEVEN JOHNSON. I AM HERE AS THE DIVISION CHIEF OF THE  
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPRESENTING SHERIFF MCDONNELL. AND I  
16 REPRESENT THE EAST PATROL DIVISION. SHERIFF MCDONNELL ASKED ME  
17 TO READ A LETTER TO THE DISTINGUISHED AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF  
18 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE ISSUE THAT YOU  
19 CURRENTLY HAVE BEFORE YOU. "DEAR SUPERVISORS, WE ARE  
20 EXPERIENCING A SEVERE HOMELESSNESS PROBLEM STATEWIDE AND LOS  
21 ANGELES COUNTY'S HOMELESS POPULATION CONTINUES TO GROW AT AN  
22 ALARMING RATE. ACCORDING TO THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES  
23 AUTHORITY, THE OVERALL NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE ON ANY GIVEN  
24 NIGHT IN THE COUNTY INCREASED TO 46,874 IN 2016 WHICH IS 19  
25 PERCENT MORE THAN 2013. THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE LIVING



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1 IN ENCAMPMENTS, TENTS AND VEHICLES INCREASED A STAGGERING 123  
2 PERCENT DURING THE SAME PERIOD. THE SITUATION IS DIRE AND  
3 THREATENS THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF INDIVIDUALS  
4 THROUGHOUT OUR REGION. IT IS EXTREMELY SAD THAT LOS ANGELES  
5 COUNTY, ONE OF THE LARGEST ECONOMIES IN THE WORLD, HAS THIS  
6 MANY HUMAN BEINGS LIVING ON THE STREETS. WE MUST TAKE ACTION  
7 TO PROVIDE DECENT HOUSING AND RESTORE DIGNITY TO THOSE FORCED  
8 TO LIVE IN SUCH UNSAFE AND DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS. HOWEVER, I  
9 AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA AND  
10 THEREFORE ANY INITIATIVE THAT PROPOSES TAXATION OF IT AS A  
11 PRUDENT STRATEGY TO MITIGATE AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS. I URGE  
12 YOUR BOARD'S LEADERSHIP IN IDENTIFYING AN ALTERNATIVE FUNDING  
13 SOURCE IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. SINCERELY,  
14 JIM MCDONNELL, SHERIFF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY."

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE JERRY NEUMAN.  
17 HARVEY SHELLS. NATALIE KOMURO. TIA DOBI TIM KORNAGAY.

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19 **HARVEY SHELLS:** YES, MY NAME IS HARVEY SHELLS I'M UNITED STATES  
20 VETERAN, IN UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY  
21 YOU'RE ALL WRONG, SIR. I DO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS. ALSO HAVE  
22 BEEN ON DRUGS. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT I WOULD BE SITTING HERE  
23 TODAY AS A STATE ADVOCATE FOR HOMELESSNESS AND ALSO A DRUG  
24 COUNSELOR THAT'S REGISTERED, ABOUT TO BE CERTIFIED. ALSO IF IT  
25 HAD NOT BEEN FOR ME BEEN HAVING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, I WOULD



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1 NOT BE HOUSED. YOU WOULD HAVE TO REHOUSE ME AGAIN. BUT DUE TO  
2 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, I'M ABLE TO STAY HOUSED AND YOU DON'T HAVE  
3 TO REHOUSE ME AGAIN, WHICH WILL HELP US END THE HOMELESS  
4 SITUATION WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO REHOUSE A PERSON AGAIN ONCE  
5 THEY ARE HOUSED. AND SUPPORT THE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX. I  
6 THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT WOULD HELP US NOW NOT SOMETHING THAT  
7 WOULD HELP US LATER. WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE ANY MEASURE THAT YOU  
8 GUYS CAN SUPPORT IN HELPING END HOMELESSNESS WITH CONTINUED  
9 SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

12

13 **JERRY NEUMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JERRY NEUMAN. HELLO  
14 PRESIDENT SOLIS AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I HAVE THE  
15 PRIVILEGE AND HONOR OF SERVING ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF BOTH  
16 THE L.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS WELL AS THE UNITED WAY AND  
17 BEING CHAIR OF HOME FOR GOOD AND THE BUSINESS LEADERS  
18 TASKFORCE ON HOMELESSNESS. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE TIME  
19 AND EFFORT YOU'VE TAKEN IN RECOGNIZING HOMELESSNESS AS A  
20 CRITICAL ISSUE FACING OUR COUNTY TODAY. WHILE WE APPRECIATE  
21 AND RECOGNIZE AND ACTUALLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S  
22 NOTION THAT WE NEED TO LOOK WITHIN THE COUNTY BUDGET FOR GREAT  
23 RESOURCES THAT WILL HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS  
24 TODAY, WE THINK THAT THAT MAY NOT BE ENOUGH. WE HAVE LOOKED AT  
25 THE BUDGET. AND WHAT WE BELIEVE IS THE CRISIS IS TODAY AND WE



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1 HAVE TO HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO ATTACK THE PROBLEM AS IT  
2 EXISTS. THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT AND THE BEST WAY TO DO THAT IS  
3 TO SUPPORT THE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX. AND WE ARE URGING YOU  
4 TODAY. I AM URGING YOU TODAY TO DO EXACTLY THAT. AND WE HOPE  
5 THAT YOU WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF PLACING A QUARTER CENT SALES  
6 TAX ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **TIM KORNAGAY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME'S  
11 TIM KORNAGAY, I'M HERE AS A RESIDENT OF THIS COUNTY AND AS A  
12 PERSON WORKING FOR FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION,  
13 L.A. VOICE. I APPRECIATE THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP IN PUTTING  
14 TOGETHER A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND  
15 CALLING ON THE STATE TO DECLARE HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY AN  
16 EMERGENCY. I PERSONALLY SUPPORT PROVIDING FUNDING TO ADDRESS  
17 THIS CRISIS. THEREFORE I URGE MY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE  
18 OTHER SUPERVISORS REPRESENTING ALL THE IMPACTED DISTRICTS TO  
19 VOTE FOR PLACING A MEASURE ON THE BALLOT THIS NOVEMBER SO THAT  
20 WE THE VOTERS CAN DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE OR NOT A QUARTER  
21 CENT SALES TAX THAT WILL PROVIDE FUNDING SO THAT HOMES,  
22 ADEQUATE SHELTER AND ACCOMPANYING SERVICES NEEDED ARE PROVIDED  
23 TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM LIVING AND DYING ON THE STREETS OF OUR  
24 COMMUNITIES. NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOU AS THE BOARD TO ACT. THANK  
25 YOU.





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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

3

4 **TIA DOBI:** HI, I'M TIA DOBI AND I BELIEVE EARLIER I SAW A  
5 GENTLEMAN ON THIS SIDE OF THE BENCH HOLDING UP A DOG AND  
6 ENCOURAGING US TO ADOPT A DOG. I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE  
7 HERE TONIGHT TO TAKE SOMEONE HOME WITH YOU. ABSOLUTELY. ALSO  
8 I'D LIKE TO EMBRACE THE MENTION OF TACKLING THE MENTAL HEALTH  
9 ISSUES UNDERLYING HOMELESSNESS. I BELIEVE THAT HOMELESSNESS IN  
10 LOS ANGELES IS SIMPLY A MICROCOSM OF THE FAMILY ABANDONMENT  
11 AND FAMILY AMPUTATION. AND ALONG THOSE LINES I'D LIKE TO  
12 ENCOURAGE MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO LOOK INTO CHILDHOOD  
13 TRAUMA ISSUES, ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES, C.P.T.S.D.,  
14 WHICH IS COMPLEX POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, AND THE  
15 EFFECTS OF SYSTEMIC NARCISSISTIC COMMUNICATION, AS WELL AS I'D  
16 LIKE TO EMBRACE WHAT MS. SOLIS SAID ABOUT REGULATING SOME OF  
17 THE INSTITUTIONS AND SEEING WHAT REALLY IS GOING ON BEHIND  
18 THESE CLOSED DOORS. BY THE WAY, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NATALIE KOMURO. YOLANDA LICHTMAN  
21 GRACE WELTMAN. DORA GALLO. CANDACE CAMPER. VA LECIA ADAMS  
22 KELLUM. WELCOME.

23

24 **GRACE WELTMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE  
25 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GRACE WELTMAN.



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1 I'M HERE WITH COMMUNITIES IN MOTION BUT ACTUALLY REPRESENTING  
2 SEVERAL OF MY CLIENTS. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF-- ONE CLIENT IS A  
3 SOUTH L.A. HOMELESS, STAY IN FOSTER CARE COLLABORATIVE. WE'VE  
4 BEEN WORKING WITH OVER SEVERAL HUNDRED ORGANIZATIONS IN SOUTH  
5 L.A. WHO HAVE FOCUSED ON HOMELESS YOUTH ISSUES. THE OTHER  
6 ORGANIZATION COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS, WHICH IS A COMMUNITY-  
7 BASED HEALTH AND POLICY ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION INVOLVING OVER  
8 100 ORGANIZATIONS FOCUSED ON HEALTH. WE SUPPORT A MEASURE  
9 THAT-- WE WANT THE VOTERS TO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE  
10 ON A MEASURE THAT'S GOING TO END HOMELESSNESS, ADDRESS OUR  
11 ISSUES, BUT WE NEED SOMETHING THAT'S TIMELY AND SUSTAINABLE.  
12 SO WE SUPPORT THE 1/4 TAX. I ALSO WANT TO SAY, OVER THE PAST  
13 MONTH, MY FIRM HAS RECEIVED LOTS OF CALLS FROM DIFFERENT  
14 BUSINESSES ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE. A PRIVATE SECURITY  
15 CORPORATION IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. A FREIGHT ORGANIZATION IN  
16 THE SOUTH BAY. PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS SO WE URGE YOU  
17 TO PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

20

21 **DORA GALLO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DORA GALLO, AND I'M  
22 WITH THE COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS. WE ARE A DEVELOPER AND OPERATOR  
23 OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WITH 36 BUILDINGS IN LOS  
24 ANGELES COUNTY IN ALL FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. THIS HAS  
25 BEEN A REALLY GREAT DEBATE, A LONG ONE BUT GREAT DEBATE



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1 BECAUSE ULTIMATELY IT'S ALL BEEN ABOUT BRINGING RESOURCES TO  
2 BEAR ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS. YOU HAVE MANY GOOD OPTIONS BEFORE  
3 YOU TODAY. AND CLEARLY THERE ARE SUPPORTERS ON ALL DIFFERENT  
4 OPTIONS. BUT I HAVE TO SAY THAT I'VE BEEN AROUND LONG ENOUGH  
5 TO SEE THE IDEAS COME AND GO. THERE'S NEVER BEEN A CONSISTENT  
6 REVENUE STREAM TO FUND SERVICES OR HOUSING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE  
7 BEEN HOMELESS. SO WHILE THEY ARE ALL GOOD OPTIONS, I HAVE TO  
8 SUPPORT THE OPTION THAT GENERATES THE MOST MONEY IN THE  
9 QUICKEST WAY POSSIBLE AND ONE WITH A READY ESTABLISHED  
10 INFRASTRUCTURE TO ACTUALLY COLLECT THE MONEY, AND THAT IS THE  
11 QUARTER CENT SALES TAX. OTHERWISE I FEAR THAT WE MAY ONCE  
12 AGAIN BE WAITING FOR YEARS TO SEE ANY RESOURCES COME TO ENDING  
13 HOMELESSNESS.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **CANDACE CAMPER:** HI, MY NAME IS CANDACE CAMPER. FIRST OF ALL, I  
18 WANT TO SAY THAT I AM PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. I AM  
19 THE DAUGHTER OF A VIETNAM VETERAN. I AM CURRENTLY HOMELESS DUE  
20 TO HOUSING SUBSIDY CORRUPTION DUE TO THE COUNTY, CITY AND  
21 SEVERAL PUBLIC AGENCIES THAT WERE MISAPPROPRIATING SUBSIDY  
22 HOUSING FUNDING, INCLUDING THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE. I HAVE BEEN  
23 UP TO THIS OFFICE, THIS BUILDING EVERY DAY THIS WEEK TRYING TO  
24 RESOLVE THIS SITUATION. I ALSO AM AN ADVOCATE BLOGGER AND I  
25 WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND I AM REGISTERED



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1 AS A FEDERAL CONTRACTOR. MY BUSINESS IS CONSUMER ADVOCACY  
2 BUSINESS INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATIONS. THE HOMELESS  
3 ISSUE IS NOT ONLY A CALIFORNIA ISSUE, IT'S A UNITED STATES  
4 ISSUE. I ALSO HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE YOUTH HOMELESS  
5 COALITION DIRECTOR, AMY SAWYER, FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW IN  
6 REGARDS TO THE HOMELESS SITUATION. IN REGARDS TO THE MEDICAL  
7 MARIJUANA, IF WE CAN DEAL WITH THE INTERNATIONAL  
8 PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY, WE CAN DEAL WITH TAKING ON THE DRUG  
9 SITUATION. AND THE MARIJUANA IS NOT THE PROBLEM DOWN ON SKID  
10 ROW. THE SKID ROW PROBLEM IS 85 PERCENT OF SKID ROW ARE BLACK  
11 AFRICAN-AMERICANS. AND THE SPICE AND THE FLAKA THAT IS  
12 INUNDATED THAT IS COMING FROM OVERSEAS THAT ARE IMPACTING OUR  
13 U.S. LANDS. THIS IS A PROBLEM. WE HAVE A BIGGER ISSUE THAT YOU  
14 GUYS AREN'T--

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES, NEXT SPEAKER?

17

18 **YOLANDA LICHTMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS YOLANDA LICHTMAN,  
19 AND I AM A MEMBER OF BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH IN HOLLYWOOD,  
20 AND ALSO WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH L.A. VOICE. WE REPRESENT 5,000  
21 FAMILIES IN THE AREA OF HOLLYWOOD. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE  
22 COUNTY LEADERSHIP IN PUTTING TOGETHER THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
23 TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. I'M CALLING ON THE STATE TO DECLARE  
24 HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY AN EMERGENCY. I PERSONALLY SUPPORT  
25 PROVIDING FUNDING TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. SO WE ARE ALSO IN



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1 FAVOR OF INCREASED ONE QUARTER OF A CENT SALES TAX, THAT WE  
2 PROVIDE \$355 MILLION IN FUNDING TO THE HOMES AND SERVICES ARE  
3 PROVIDED TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM LIVING AND DYING ON THE  
4 STREETS IN THIS COUNTRY OF OURS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DR. VA LECIA  
9 ADAMS KELLUM. I'M PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER.  
10 WE PROVIDE SERVICES TO LOW- INCOME AND HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ON  
11 THE WEST SIDE AND ALSO IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. I WANT TO BRIEFLY  
12 SHARE A CONVERSATION THAT I HAD WITH MY DAUGHTER THIS WEEKEND  
13 AS WE WERE DRIVING THROUGH TOWN. SHE LOOKED AROUND AND SHE  
14 SAID "MOMMY, THERE'S SO MANY HOMELESS." AND KNOWING WHAT I DO,  
15 SHE SAID, "YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING." AND WE ALL KNOW SHE'S  
16 RIGHT. WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. I APPLAUD THE BOARD FOR WHAT  
17 YOU'VE DONE UP TO THIS POINT. IT'S EXTRAORDINARY. BUT WE NEED  
18 TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP. I URGE YOU TO PUT SOMETHING ON THE  
19 BALLOT THAT ALLOWS US TO GET THIS DONE AND FULLY ADDRESS  
20 HOMELESSNESS WITH THE MAGNITUDE THAT IS NECESSARY WHICH IS THE  
21 QUARTER CENT SALES TAX, WE BELIEVE. ALL THE OPTIONS MAKE  
22 SENSE, PERHAPS. BUT WE BELIEVE THAT ONE WILL REALLY BRING IT  
23 ON IN A WAY THAT THIS PROBLEM MUST BE ADDRESSED. WE THANK YOU  
24 SO MUCH.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NATALIE KOMURA. HYPEIN IM.  
2   BRADEN HAMMER. BLAIR BESTON. MARIE RUMSEY. BYRON SMITH SR. GO  
3   AHEAD.

4

5   **REBA STEVENS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. REBA STEVENS, FORMERLY HOMELESS  
6   PERSON. ACTIVE MEMBER OF EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS, MENTAL HEALTH  
7   AND HOMELESS COMMITTEE. WITH L.A.H.S.A., I WAS ONE OF THE  
8   MEMBERS OF THE FOCUS GROUP. NOW CURRENTLY A HOMELESS ADVISORY  
9   BOARD. I'M ALSO ONE OF THE CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES ON THE  
10  INTEGRATION ADVISORY BOARD AND I HAVE FOUR PENNIES. I'M READY  
11  TO PAY SOME RIGHT NOW. SO I'M IN WITH THIS. I SUPPORT THE  
12  SALES TAX. DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S INTERESTING IS AS A FORMERLY  
13  HOMELESS PERSON, I HAVE FAMILY RIGHT NOW THAT ARE HOMELESS IN  
14  BOYLE HEIGHTS. AND IT REALLY HURTS ME THAT I CAN'T REACH OUT  
15  AND HELP THEM. AND SO I ALSO HAVE A VERY DEAR FRIEND IN  
16  ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO RIGHT NOW IS HURTING, HURTING AS A RESULT  
17  OF BEING HOMELESS. AND I'M ASKING YOU TO SUPPORT THIS BECAUSE  
18  THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. THANK YOU.

19

20   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

21

22   **BRADEN HAMMER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M BRADEN HAMMER  
23  WITH S.R.O. HOUSING CORPORATION. JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR  
24  YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO THIS ISSUE. I WANT TO STATE  
25  PERSONALLY, MY LOVE FOR LOS ANGELES IS PROFOUND, BUT FOR YEARS



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1 NOW THAT LOVE HAS BEEN TINGED WITH SHAME THAT WE AS A  
2 COMMUNITY HAVE LET THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS GO ON SO LONG AND  
3 GET SO BAD. WE'RE BETTER THAN THAT. NOW A MEASURE OF HOPE  
4 ARRIVES. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A MAJOR STEP TOWARD  
5 ENDING THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IN LOS ANGELES. IT WON'T END  
6 OVERNIGHT. THERE'LL BE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, BUT THIS MAJOR  
7 VITAL STEP IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. SO WE ASK YOU, PLEASE  
8 CHOOSE THE MOST ROBUST AND IMMEDIATE REVENUE SOURCE TO FUND  
9 THE MAJOR HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE. I AGREE WITH THE SEVERAL  
10 SPEAKERS BEFORE ME THAT THE QUARTER CENT GENERAL SALES TAX  
11 LOOKS LIKE THE BEST BET. PUT IT ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT AND LET  
12 THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROVE THAT WE ARE REALLY IN  
13 THIS TOGETHER AND LET'S GET TO WORK. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **MARIE RUMSEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MARIE RUMSEY AND I'M  
18 HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION. I'D LIKE TO  
19 THANK YOU TOO FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN TACKLING THE HOMELESS  
20 CRISIS. RECENTLY, THE CITY MOVED FORWARD WITH PLACING A  
21 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT THAT WILL  
22 SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING,  
23 TEMPORARY SHELTERS, STORAGE FACILITIES AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING.  
24 NOW WE NEED THE COUNTY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A PROPOSITION THAT  
25 WOULD BRING NEW RESOURCES TO BOLSTER HOMELESS SERVICES,





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1 INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF RECUPERATIVE BEDS, CHILD INREACH  
2 PROGRAMS, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
3 COUNSELING. WE NEED THIS FUNDING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. A LOT OF  
4 MEMBERS DO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT A 9.75 PERCENT SALES TAX WE DO  
5 BELIEVE IT IS THE BEST OPTION FOR THE COUNTY TO PURSUE. IT  
6 PROVIDES THE GREATEST FUNDING AMOUNT AND FLEXIBILITY. IT IS  
7 ALSO THE MOST EQUITABLE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **BLAIR BESTON:** MY NAME IS BLAIR BESTON, AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE  
12 DIRECTOR OF HISTORIC CORE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. I'M  
13 ALSO A SINGLE MOM AND A RESIDENT OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. AND  
14 I AGREE WITH THE MORAL IMPERATIVE TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. SO  
15 THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND  
16 KEEPING SOLUTIONS A PRIORITY. I SUPPORT THE SALES TAX, BUT  
17 FAITH DOES NEED TO BE RESTORED. MANY OF US VOTED FOR PROP 63  
18 THINKING OUR MOST VULNERABLE MENTALLY ILL WOULD GET THE HELP  
19 THAT THEY NEED. YEARS LATER WE HAVE AN OPEN AIR ASYLUM IN  
20 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. ADDICTION AND CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS  
21 HAVE RAVAGED OUR COMMUNITIES. HOMELESSNESS IS ON THE RISE. WE  
22 MUST HAVE PROFOUND OVERSIGHT OF THESE FUNDS TO ASSURE US THAT  
23 THERE WILL BE VISIBLE RESULTS. MENTAL HEALTH COUNTYWIDE.  
24 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, FACILITIES, SHELTER NOW, PROPER AND REAL  
25 CASE MANAGEMENT, DETOX AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS. I'M TRYING TO



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1   HELP INDIVIDUALS RIGHT NOW THROUGH THE PROCESS, AND THE SAFETY  
2   NETS THAT THEY NEED JUST AREN'T THERE. THIS NEEDS TO BE AN  
3   EXERCISE IN MARKETING. A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN TERMS OF POLICY  
4   NEEDS CONCENTRATED RESOURCES TOWARDS IMMEDIATE OPTIONS FOR  
5   THOSE LIVING ON THE STREET. DOING SO WOULD RESTORE COMMUNITY  
6   MEMBERS' FAITH THAT THEIR MONEY IS ACTUALLY MAKING A  
7   DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU.

8

9   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE BYRON SMITH.  
10   ZACHARY COIL. PAM LAVEAU. ARNOLD SACHS. JENNIFER BLANNON. GO  
11   AHEAD, MA'AM.

12

13   **JENNIFER BLANNON:** MY NAME IS JENNIFER BLANNON. GOOD AFTERNOON,  
14   SUPERVISORS. I'M A VOTING RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
15   ANGELES. I'M A MEMBER OF HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. I  
16   PARTICIPATE IN OUR SOCIAL ACTION ADVOCACY MINISTRY, WHICH WE  
17   CALL S.A.M., AND I'M A MEMBER OF L.A. VOICE. LET IT BE KNOWN  
18   TODAY THAT WE APPRECIATE THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP ON ADDRESSING  
19   HOMELESSNESS AND YOUR SUPPORT IN DECLARING HOMELESSNESS AS AN  
20   EMERGENCY SITUATION. WE URGE YOU TODAY TO VOTE TO PLACE A  
21   MEASURE ON THE BALLOT THIS NOVEMBER SO THAT WE THE VOTERS MAY  
22   DECIDE TO APPROVE THE 1/4 CENT SALES TAX WHICH WILL PROVIDE  
23   \$355 MILLION IN FUNDING TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS AND PREVENT  
24   PEOPLE FROM LIVING AND DYING ON THE STREET. THERE ARE WOMEN  
25   AND CHILDREN RIGHT NOW THAT ARE IN CRISIS CONDITIONS. WE



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1 APPRECIATE YOUR SENSE OF URGENCY. WE APPRECIATE YOUR FAVORABLE  
2 ACTIONS IN THIS MATTER. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

5

6 **ZACHARY COIL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ZACHARY COIL. I WORK  
7 AT ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER WHERE I'M A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL  
8 WORKER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME THIS AFTERNOON,  
9 SUPERVISORS. I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH  
10 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS AND MENTALLY ILL SINGLE MEN AND FEMALES  
11 FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS IN THE VENICE AREA. I'VE HAD THE  
12 IMMENSE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING IN SEVERAL PILOT PROJECTS, FUNDED  
13 THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, WITH THE GENEROUS  
14 SUPPORT OF OUR SUPERVISORS' OFFICE AND I'VE SEEN THE  
15 TREMENDOUS IMPACT THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT HAS HAD  
16 ON SERVICE PROVISION AND PERMANENT HOUSING SOLUTIONS. I'M HERE  
17 TO VOICE MY LOUD AND VOCIFEROUS SUPPORT FOR PERMANENT FUNDING,  
18 FOR PERMANENT SOLUTIONS. WE KNOW IT WORKS PROVIDING PERMANENT  
19 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING COUPLED WITH SPECIALIZED MENTAL HEALTH  
20 SERVICES ALONG WITH FIELD-BASED MEDICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC  
21 SERVICES FOR CLIENTS THAT NEED IT. I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND THE  
22 DIFFERENCE OUR MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS CAN MAKE IN THE  
23 LIVES OF SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY'S MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS.

24



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1   **PAMELA LAVEAU:** HI, I'M PAMELA LEVEAU. I'M HONORED AND  
2   PRIVILEGED TO BE HERE TODAY. I'M ONE OF THOSE THAT ZACK WORKED  
3   WITH. I'M MENTALLY ILL, AND COULDN'T HOLD A CONVERSATION. I  
4   GOT INTO THE OUTREACH PROGRAM OF MENTAL HEALTHCARE FROM  
5   EDELMAN. AND INTO THE V.C.H.I.P. PROGRAM BECAUSE I WAS-- I'M  
6   SCHIZOPHRENIC, AND I WAS SLEEPING IN DOORWAYS. THEY GOT ME OUT  
7   OF THAT INTO HOUSING. I'VE BEEN IN IT FOUR YEARS. AND I'VE  
8   BEEN ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. I VOLUNTEER AT THE  
9   FOOD PANTRY. I HAVE SEVERAL PANELS. THEY BROUGHT ME TO THE  
10   HOSPITAL WHERE I BRING A.A. MEETINGS IN. AND I SUPPORT THE  
11   SALES TAX TO HELP WITH THE INTENSIVE MENTALLY ILL HOMELESS  
12   ISSUE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MA'AM.

15

16   **PAMELA LAVEAU:** THANK YOU.

17

18   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARNOLD SACHS.

19

20   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
21   THERE'S SO MUCH TO TALK ABOUT HERE, BUT ONLY HAVE A MINUTE.  
22   VERY IMPORTANT HERE TO UNDERSTAND THE COUNTY'S INITIATIVES  
23   HERE. THIS CONVERSATION STARTED OFF AS THE STUDY OF CAUSE AND  
24   EFFECTS FOR HOMELESSNESS, BUT NOT ACTUALLY ENDING, PROVIDING  
25   HOMES. SO IF YOU LOOK TODAY'S AGENDA, YOU WILL SEE ITEM NO. 7



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1 THE REDEVELOPMENT OF 125 ACRES OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY. SO IF  
2 YOU WANT PROOF OF WHERE YOUR MONEY'S GOING TO GO, FIND OUT  
3 WHAT THE COUNTY'S PLANS ARE FOR THE 125 ACRES. SOMEBODY GOT UP  
4 HERE AND TALKED ABOUT BUILDING 117 NEW HOMES IN L.A. COUNTY.  
5 IF THEY DID 100 TIMES THAT, THAT WOULD BE 11,700 HOMES. IT  
6 WOULDN'T EVEN ADDRESS 25 PERCENT OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION.  
7 MORE IMPORTANT, THE MORAL IMPERATIVE THAT WE HEAR ABOUT,  
8 SHERIFF'S REPORT 20 PERCENT HOMELESS PEOPLE INCREASE SO WHEN  
9 THERE WERE 38,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE IT WASN'T A MORAL  
10 IMPERATIVE. BACK THE MARIJUANA INITIATIVE, WILL THERE BE SEEDS  
11 LIKE HEIRLOOM TOMATOES?

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ERIC PREVEN. JESSICA NOEL. GLENFORD  
14 FELIX. REBA STEVENS.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.  
17 AND I APPRECIATE WHAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS TRYING TO  
18 DO, WHICH IS TO GET ANY KIND OF SUSTAINABLE MONEY. I'M NOT  
19 EXCITED ABOUT TAXING THE SICK AND DYING ON THE MARIJUANA. I  
20 THINK THE TIMING BEING WHAT IT IS AND THE DELAYS ON ALL THE  
21 MARIJUANA TAXES, WHICH I THINK IT SHOULD BE REGULATED AND NOT  
22 HEAVILY REGULATED, NOT HEAVILY TAXED BUT IT SHOULD BE. BUT  
23 THAT'S NOT GOING TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEM. I WOULD FAVOR THE  
24 QUARTER CENT TAX BECAUSE I THINK THE HOMELESS POPULATION LOS  
25 ANGELES HAS BEEN SUFFERING FOR A VERY LONG TIME. WE HAVE BEEN



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1 TRYING BUT WE HAVE NO SOLUTION THAT IS HAPPENING NOW. WE NEED  
2 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THIS POPULATION WHO ARE MOST  
3 IN NEED. I BELIEVE THE QUARTER CENT TAX THAT WILL YIELD  
4 SOMETHING LIKE \$355 MILLION IS THE MOST EXPEDIENT WAY TO DO  
5 THAT. AND THAT'S WHAT I WOULD RECOMMEND. I KNOW IT FIGHTS THE  
6 TRANSPORTATION TAX, AS WELL. BUT IF WE CAN GET THEM BOTH, THEN  
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

10

11 **GLENFORD FELIX:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
12 GLENFORD FELIX I'M A MEMBER OF HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
13 AND L.A. VOICE. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE QUARTER CENT  
14 TAX AND ALSO TO DECLARE HOMELESSNESS AS A STATE OF EMERGENCY.  
15 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS WILL MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER, NOT  
16 ONLY SAFER FROM THE CRIME AND VIOLENCE BUT ALSO FROM THE MANY  
17 HEALTH RISKS THAT THREATEN OUR COMMUNITY. I URGE BOARD MEMBERS  
18 TO VOTE FOR PLACING THESE MEASURES ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT SO  
19 THAT VOTERS CAN DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE OR NOT. THANK YOU  
20 VERY MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

23

24 **JESSICA NOEL:** HI, MY NAME IS JESSICA NOEL AND I AM A POLICY  
25 FELLOW WITH THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND OF CALIFORNIA. AND I'M



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1 ALSO A GRADUATE STUDENT AT U.C.L.A. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD  
2 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US TO SPEAK ON SUCH AN  
3 IMPORTANT ISSUE. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE QUARTER CENT  
4 SALES TAX BECAUSE IT WILL PROVIDE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT IN  
5 ADDRESSING SUCH AN IMPORTANT NEED IN LOS ANGELES. I GREW UP IN  
6 SAN DIEGO. I LIVED FOR YEARS AND WORKED FOR YEARS IN DALLAS,  
7 TEXAS AND NOW I LIVE IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AND ON THE WEST  
8 SIDE. I CAN SAY WITH ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY THAT I HAVE NEVER SEEN  
9 AS MUCH DESPAIR, PURE DESPERATION AS I'VE SEEN IN THE PAST  
10 SEVERAL WEEKS IN THE STREETS OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. VOTERS  
11 DESERVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE EMPOWERED TO CHOOSE AN  
12 ALTERNATIVE THAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR COUNTY A SAFER,  
13 MORE EQUITABLE, HEALTHIER PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN TO LIVE AND  
14 TO LEARN AND TO LAUGH AND TO PLAY. PLEASE GIVE THEM THAT  
15 OPPORTUNITY.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MICHAEL LONG. JOANNA BERG. LARON CUE.  
18 CHRIS KO. HAL LEWIS. SHAMAI AH MANRIQUEZ. GO AHEAD.

19

20 **JOANNA BERG:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JOANNA. AND I'M  
21 HERE, I'M IN FAVOR OF THE TAX ON CANNABIS. I THINK IT'S THE  
22 ONLY WAY TO ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE, THAT WE  
23 REGULATE CANNABIS AND THAT WE TAX IT, PARTICULARLY IF WE CAN  
24 USE IT TO HELP OUR HOMELESS POPULATION. THAT'S A VERY SERIOUS  
25 ISSUE. ALSO I BELIEVE THAT THE PUBLIC WILL BE MORE OPEN TO





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1 TAXING SOMETHING NEW AND USING THAT AS A SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR  
2 A REAL PROBLEM THAN TAXING THEM ADDITIONALLY ON TOP OF OUR  
3 ALREADY HIGH SALES TAX. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MUCH.

6

7 **MICHAEL LONG:** THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MICHAEL  
8 LONG. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR SHOWING TRUE INNOVATION IN  
9 YOUR PROPOSAL TO TAX CANNABIS AS A SOLUTION TO THE HOMELESS  
10 CRISIS. AS A POTENTIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS OWNER, IT WOULD BE A  
11 POINT OF PRIDE TO KNOW THAT MY BUSINESS CAN DIRECTLY SUPPORT  
12 AND HELP THE PUBLIC AND THE HOMELESS. I LOOK FORWARD TO  
13 SUPPORTING YOUR EFFORTS AND PURSUING A TAX THAT CAN HELP  
14 HOMELESS AND ALL OUR COMMUNITY.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

17

18 **CHRIS KO:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, CHRIS KO, DIRECTOR AT THE UNITED  
19 WAY. SUPERVISORS, I BEG YOU TO NOT LET US GET TO NOVEMBER  
20 WITHOUT AN OPTION FOR VOTERS TO VOTE ON THE SINGLE ISSUE THEY  
21 CONSISTENTLY SAY IS THEIR HIGHEST PRIORITY. THE TIME IS RIGHT.  
22 OVER THE LAST DECADE AND 10 YEARS WE'VE HAD PILOTS THEN WE'VE  
23 HAD A PLAN, THEN WE'VE HAD COORDINATED SYSTEMS TO DELIVER  
24 SERVICES. NOW WE HAVE CITY AND COUNTY STRATEGIES AND NOW WE  
25 NEED THE RESOURCES AND YOUR LEADERSHIP TO ACT IN THIS



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1 EMERGENCY. WE DESPERATELY NEED AN OPTION THAT GIVES US AS MUCH  
2 AS POSSIBLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEIR LIVES ARE LITERALLY ON  
3 THE LINE. NEARLY 1500 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN GO UNCLAIMED  
4 FROM THE CORONER'S OFFICE AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR KNABE ATTENDS  
5 THE SERVICE. PLEASE HELP US GET RID OF THAT MEMORIAL SERVICE,  
6 BRING THAT NUMBER TO ZERO. THE COUNTY HAS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
7 WITH SPECIFIC COST ESTIMATES, BUT WITHOUT SUFFICIENT RESOURCES  
8 WE WILL CONTINUE HAVE TO PICK AND PRIORITIZE BETWEEN  
9 POPULATIONS AND INTERVENTIONS. SO PLEASE LET OUR VOTERS DECIDE  
10 ON AN OPTION THAT HELPS US SUPPORT ALL OF OUR HOMELESS  
11 NEIGHBORS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

14

15 **HAL LEWIS:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS HAL LEWIS AND I  
16 REPRESENT A NONPROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT COURT THAT OPERATES UNDER  
17 STATE GUIDELINES. WE WORK MOSTLY WITH RETIREES IN THE MOTION  
18 PICTURE INDUSTRY. I'M A RETIRED JUDGE AND RETIRED SENATOR. I  
19 APPLAUD THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR COMING UP WITH A VIABLE  
20 OPTION TO HELP THE HOMELESS SITUATION AND TO USE MONEY FROM A  
21 TAX ON CANNABIS TO HELP IN THIS SITUATION. WE TOOK A POLL OF  
22 OUR MEMBERS, AND I STAND BEFORE YOU TO LET YOU KNOW THAT 99  
23 PERCENT OF OUR MEMBERS ARE IN FAVOR OF A TAX TO HELP WITH  
24 HOMELESS SITUATION, WRAPAROUND SERVICES AND TO LIFT THE BAN.  
25 ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A QUICK EXPERIENCE.



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1 MY DAUGHTER DEALT WITH MENTAL ILLNESS ISSUES AS A TEENAGER.  
2 SHE WAS ON THE STREETS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND THANKS TO  
3 WRAP-AROUND SERVICES, SHE'S NOW LIVING A PRODUCTIVE LIFE. SHE  
4 IS A WONDERFUL MOTHER TO A 1-1/2-YEAR-OLD AND CONTRIBUTING TO  
5 SOCIETY BY WORKING WITH AT RISK YOUTH AND DEVELOPING ART  
6 PROGRAMS FOR THESE CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS. AGAIN I STAND IN  
7 FRONT OF THE BOARD AND ASK YOU TO LIFT THE BAN FOR THE PEOPLE  
8 OF THIS GREAT CITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JOSEPH VILLELA. ALEXIS  
11 DANGELO. PETER HERZOG. BRANDON MATSON. MIGUEL FLORENCIO.  
12 ZONDRE JOHNSON. DANIEL GARCIA. FRANK IBARRA? GO AHEAD, MA'AM.  
13 STATE YOUR NAME.

14

15 **ALEXIS DANGELO:** HI, MY NAME IS ALEXIS DANGELO. I'M A  
16 HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, A PROFESSIONAL, AS WELL AS A MEDICAL  
17 MARIJUANA DISPENSARY OWNER. I AM ALSO A HUGE PROPONENT OF BIG  
18 PHARMA, PHARMACEUTICAL LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FOR PROGRAMS. SO I  
19 THINK THERE IS A CORRELATION BETWEEN THE HOMELESS ISSUE AND  
20 ALSO THE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES AS WELL AS NOT HAVING  
21 ALTERNATIVE TO ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE. WITH THAT SAID, I AM  
22 WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN SUPPORT OF TAXING MEDICAL MARIJUANA. IF IT  
23 DOES HELP THE OVERALL CAUSE, WHICH IS PROVIDING HEALTHCARE,  
24 ALTERNATIVE HEALTHCARE FOR OUR PATIENTS AND HELPING THE  
25 HOMELESS. SO THANK YOU. GOOD JOB.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **ZONDRE JOHNSON:** HELLO MY NAME IS ZONDRE JOHNSON. THANK YOU  
5 GUYS FOR BEING SO PATIENT TO HEAR ME TALK. I JUST WANT TO SAY  
6 I AM AWARE WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT. AND I AM FOR IT. I WAS  
7 HOMELESS FOR TWO DECADES AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE SERVICES  
8 THAT WERE PROVIDED FOR ME AT THAT TIME I WAS ABLE TO GET  
9 HOUSING. AND NOW I'M IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I'M IN THE HOLT  
10 SENIOR VILLA. I'VE BEEN THERE ALMOST FOUR YEARS. AND BECAUSE  
11 OF IT, ALL THE SERVICES THAT WERE PROVIDE FOR ME, FROM ANGER  
12 MANAGEMENT TO WHATEVER, I'M A PRODUCTIVE ANGELINO AND I'M A  
13 SPEAKER ADVOCATE. AND I GO TO WASHINGTON. AND I TALK TO BOARD  
14 OF SUPERVISORS AND I'M VERY HAPPY. SO I WANT TO SHARE THIS  
15 HAPPINESS WITH OTHER INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE I KNOW IT CAN BE  
16 DONE. NOW HOW YOU DO IT I DON'T KNOW. I'M JUST A HUMAN BEING.  
17 I DON'T HAVE A GREAT A LOT OF TITLES BUT I'M JUST A HUMAN  
18 BEING. I KNOW IT CAN BE DONE.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY NICE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **FRANK IBARRA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS FRANK IBARRA. AND I SUPPORT  
23 THE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX OPTION FOR THE HOMELESS SERVICES.  
24 THE SALES TAX WOULD BE-- WOULD NOT BE A RISK TO THE CITIZENS  
25 OF THIS COUNTY. IT WOULD BE AN INVESTMENT. IT WOULD GIVE THE



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1 TAXPAYERS MORE BANG FOR THEIR BUCK. THE HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE  
2 HUMANS. THE 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL THAT WAS UP EARLIER BEFORE US,  
3 HER STORY, THERE'S THOUSANDS OF STORIES LIKE THAT. I AGAIN ASK  
4 YOU TO VOTE FOR TODAY FOR THE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX FOR THE  
5 HOMELESSNESS SERVICES. THANK YOU. AND DON KNABE, YOU'RE THE  
6 BEST.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. YES, SIR. YOUR NAME?

9

10 **DANIEL GARCIA:** HI, MY NAME IS DANIEL GARCIA. I'M A PERSON WITH  
11 A DISABILITY AND I LIKE TO HELP MY COMMUNITY. I SUPPORT THE  
12 MILLIONS FROM THE SALES TAX AND THE MARIJUANA TAXES. BUT I  
13 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HEAR ME WELL. BECAUSE IF YOU DO  
14 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, YOU MUST HAVE ACCESSIBLE HOUSING. THESE  
15 TWO HAVE TO BE COMBINED [INAUDIBLE]. HOW CAN WE TALK ABOUT  
16 AFFORDABLE WITHOUT AFFORDABLE? [INAUDIBLE] TALKING ABOUT  
17 AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING. SO PLEASE, AFFORDABLE  
18 HOUSING WE COULD BUY. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HILLARY NORTON, JOHN  
21 JIMENEZ. NEIL HALTRECHT. AZADEH HOSSEINIAN JAZMYN CARTER. GO  
22 AHEAD, MA'AM.

23



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1 **HILLARY NORTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. AS THE EXECUTIVE  
2 DIRECTOR OF F.A.S.T, FIXING ANGELINOS STUCK IN TRAFFIC, AN  
3 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT, WOMAN, MOTHER AND CHRISTIAN--

4  
5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOUR NAME, MA'AM?

6  
7 **HILLARY NORTON:** MY NAME IS HILLARY NORTON. I THANK YOU ALL FOR  
8 YOUR LEADERSHIP, ESPECIALLY THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR MARK  
9 RIDLEY-THOMAS TO HOUSE AND PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE  
10 POPULATIONS, THE HOMELESS AND THE MENTALLY ILL. I TRULY  
11 BELIEVE A QUARTER CENT SALES TAX TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND  
12 TAX TO ACHIEVE OUR MOBILITY ARE ACHIEVABLE ON THE SAME BALLOT,  
13 TO BE SUCCESSFUL AS POLLING SHOWS. HOWEVER I ASK THAT IF  
14 POSSIBLE THE COUNTY PLACE THE METRO MEASURE FIRST ON THE  
15 BALLOT SO THAT WE MAY VOTE FOR BOTH MOVING BETTER THROUGHOUT  
16 THIS COUNTY AND MOVING OUR NEEDY OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. WE CAN  
17 SUCCEED TOGETHER ON BEHALF OF A MORE MOBILE, ECONOMICALLY  
18 INCLUSIVE, JUST AND HUMANE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU AND  
19 GOD BLESS YOUR DELIBERATIONS TODAY.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

22

23 **NEIL HALTRECHT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS NEIL HALTRECHT. I  
24 AM ON THE BUSINESS LEADERS TASKFORCE PARTNERING WITH UNITED  
25 WAY TO END HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'VE HAD ABOUT



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1 A 25 YEAR BUSINESS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DOING BUSINESS  
2 ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY AND MULTIPLE CITIES. I SPENT MOST OF MY  
3 CAREER WORKING TO HELP FOUND ARCLIGHT CINEMAS, PACIFIC  
4 THEATERS, AND WAS THE PRESIDENT OF ROBERTSON PROPERTIES GROUP,  
5 WHICH AT THE TIME WAS THE MOST ACTIVE RETAIL DEVELOPER IN THE  
6 COUNTY. I CAN TELL YOU FROM MY EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS THE  
7 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RETAIL STATE CHAIRMAN FOR THE  
8 INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS THAT NOT ONLY IS IT  
9 HUMANE, NOT ONLY IS IT IMPERATIVE THAT WE ACT FOR THOSE WHO  
10 ARE WEAK AND SUFFERING EVERY DAY ON THE STREETS BUT IT'S ALSO  
11 GOOD BUSINESS. THERE'S NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO BE FOUND IN THE  
12 BUDGET. I'M ALWAYS ONE AS A BUSINESS PERSON TO LOOK IN THE  
13 BUDGET. THERE'S NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO BE FOUND IN THE BUDGET AND  
14 I URGE YOU STRONGLY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SALES TAX MOTION  
15 TO RAISE THE NEEDED FUNDS TO DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **JOHN JIMENEZ:** YEAH, MY NAME IS JOHN JIMENEZ. AND I REMEMBER  
20 WHEN THE OTHER SUPERVISORS WERE HERE WHICH IS EDELMAN AND ALSO  
21 HAHN AND ALSO SHABARAM. AND THIS SUBJECT CAME UP ABOUT  
22 HOMELESS, GANGS. A LOT OF THINGS CAME UP BACK IN THE '70S. AND  
23 I BELIEVE ANTONOVICH WAS ALSO IN ONE OF THE SESSIONS A LONG  
24 TIME AGO. I'M FROM OPERATION YES. THEY USUALLY CALL ME JUAN  
25 JIMENEZ, BUT I'M JOHN JIMENEZ. THE THING IS THAT THE SAME





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1    THING GOING ON I'VE HEARD BEFORE. WE'RE GOING INTO A WORSE  
2    THING. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE PROBLEM WITH DRUGS MORE THAN  
3    YOU THINK. THIS ISSUE HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED, IT HAS BEEN PUT  
4    UNDER THE CARPET. WE NEED TO DO NEW VISIONS, NEW FINANCING,  
5    NEW THINGS AND I HAVE HEARD SO MANY SPEAKERS HERE. AND THEY  
6    ALL HAVE BONA FIDE THINGS, BUT THE THING IS NO ONE'S RESOLVED  
7    THIS PROBLEM SINCE THE YEARS OF THE '70S. NOW WHEN I HEARD  
8    D.P.S.S AS A PART OF WORKING I HAVE HERE A FORM THAT I'M GOING  
9    GIVE TO THE DEPUTY TO GIVE TO HILDA SOLIS.

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11   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

12

13   **JOHN JIMENEZ:** WE HAVE A COURT ORDER.

14

15   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, MA'AM.

16

17   **AZADEH HOSSEINIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS  
18    AZADEH HOSSEINIAN. I'M WITH PUBLIC COUNCIL, A NONPROFIT LEGAL  
19    SERVICES PROVIDER FOR ALL L.A. COUNTY HOMELESSNESS, AND THE  
20    RISK OF HOMELESSNESS IMPACTS THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR CLIENTS  
21    WHETHER THEY ARE IMMIGRANTS, VETERANS, YOUTH, FAMILIES OR  
22    INDIVIDUALS. IN FACT WE ARE LITERALLY ASSISTING THOSE WHO  
23    RESIDE ALONG THE STREETS OF OUR OFFICE. WE STRONGLY URGE YOU  
24    TO SUPPORT A MOTION TO CREATE AN ONGOING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS  
25    FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND CRITICAL SERVICES FOR



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1 COUNTY RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. FURTHER, THE FOCUS  
2 SHOULD BE ON SOURCES SUCH AS THE SALES TAX BUT BEGIN TO  
3 GENERATE FUNDS IMMEDIATELY AND WILL NOT REQUIRE EXTENSIVE  
4 COORDINATION WITH THE STATE OR LICENSING OR REGULATION OF A  
5 NEW INDUSTRY. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER TO ADDRESS  
6 THIS CRISIS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

9

10 **LARON CUE:** YES, HELLO BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS LARON CUE I  
11 REPRESENT MY OWN COMPANY THAT I OWN, KENYA CARES. I JUST  
12 WANTED TO THANK YOU GUYS AGAIN FOR EVERYTHING IN YOUR  
13 DILIGENCE AND ALL OF THE MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY., BUT  
14 OF COURSE, PERTAINING TO THE TAXATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES  
15 HERE IN L.A. I WILL TRY TO SEND OUT EMAILS TO EACH ONE OF YOU  
16 INDIVIDUALLY JUST TO KIND OF GIVE YOU A LITTLE BACKGROUND OF  
17 WHAT WE DO. BUT I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK BRIEFLY ON SOME OF THE  
18 THAT WERE SAID TODAY. AGAIN WE'RE VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE BOARD  
19 MEMBERS WHO ARE HELPING US TO FIND REGULATION AND SOME OF THE  
20 ISSUES THAT WE DEFINITELY DO NOT WANT TO SEE HAPPENING. TO  
21 ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS WE HEARD HERE, OF COURSE, MINORS'  
22 ACCESS TO USE OF CANNABIS, THINGS OF THAT NATURE. I THINK WE  
23 ALL PRETTY MUCH KNOW WHERE WE'RE AT. AGAIN I'M VERY ENCOURAGED  
24 BY THE WORDS BY ALL OF YOU TODAY. I APPRECIATE YOU OPENING



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1 DOORS TO US AND HOPE VERY SINCERELY TO BE WORKING WITH YOU  
2 VERY SOON IN REGULATING THIS CANNABIS INDUSTRY. OF OURS.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE JAZMYN CARTER.  
5 OSCAR MOHAMMAD. HERMAN HERMAN. MR. RED HUNT. MAUREEN ELI  
6 KEOWAN. WAYNE FROM ENCINO. GO AHEAD, SIR.

7

8 **OSCAR MOHAMMAD:** YEAH, I OPPOSE MORE MONEY FOR THE HOMELESS.  
9 MORE TAXES. MORE GOVERNMENT. MORE HIGHER TAXES. MORE  
10 GOVERNMENT, MORE INEQUALITY OF PEOPLE. GOVERNMENT TAKE AWAY  
11 THE SELF-ESTEEM FOR THE PEOPLE TO DO SOMETHING FOR THEMSELVES  
12 AND MORE CONTROLLING OF THE PEOPLE. BUT ANYWAY, WE SHOULD TRY  
13 TO BRIDGE POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY. WE SHOULD TRY TO MAKE MORE  
14 SELF MORE RESPONSIBLE, I THINK AMERICA WOULD BE A BETTER  
15 COUNTRY. BUT ANYWAY, WE SAY AMERICA IS GREAT, BUT HOW CAN  
16 AMERICA BE SO GREAT WHEN WE SO CORRUPT. I READ SOMETIME, I  
17 STUDIED A LITTLE BIT, KOREAN. NORTH KOREAN. THEY LEADING THE  
18 WORLD IN EDUCATION, NOT IN AMERICA. BUT SOMETHING WRONG WITH  
19 THIS PICTURE. WE HAVE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN AMERICA UNDER 60  
20 YEARS OLD, DO NOT HAVE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. AMERICA SHOULD BE  
21 REMADE. WE HAVE TO REMAKE AMERICA.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, MA'AM.

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1 **MAUREEN KEOWAN:** MY NAME IS MAUREEN ELISA CRANE KEOWAN. I AM  
2 THE QUEEN OF PUERTO RICO. AND I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU TRY A  
3 EUROPEAN APPROACH TO THIS HOMELESSNESS. THEY DO ALLOW TAX  
4 BENEFIT FOR APARTMENT OWNERS TO PROVIDE 10 TO 12 PERCENT OF  
5 THEIR HOUSING TO HOMELESS AND LOW INCOME PEOPLE. AND THEY ARE  
6 ALSO ALLOWED TO NOT PAY TAXES AND TO DECLARE A LOSS ON THE  
7 REVENUE THAT THEY DO NOT RECEIVE. THIS WAY OUR GHETTOS ARE NOT  
8 PROMOTED, AND AREAS WHERE IT IS LOW INCOME DO NOT EXIST  
9 BECAUSE IT IS DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THANK YOU FOR  
10 YOUR TIME.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. HERMAN HERMAN.

13

14 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SOMEBODY LEFT SOME CHANGE HERE BUT IT WON'T  
15 HELP. AS YOU HEARD, OUT OF ALL THE HUNDRED PEOPLE SPEAKING  
16 TODAY, THE RESULT OF WHAT WE CALL A CRISIS IS NOT OVER.  
17 HOMELESSNESS IS AN ISSUE THAT VIOLATES OUR FIRST AMENDMENT  
18 RIGHT. WE SHOULD BE HEARD. YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO THE HEALTH  
19 COMMISSION OF L.A. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. YOU LEARN THINGS FROM  
20 THAT. BRANDENBURG V. OHIO, 395. 444. 1969. WHAT STOPS YOU FROM  
21 ENGAGING IN OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE IS THE FACT THAT EVERYONE'S  
22 POINT TODAY WAS RIGHT ON. TWO DIFFERENT SIDES. TWO DIFFERENT  
23 OPINIONS. IN ALL DUE RESPECT, THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR  
24 COMMENTS AND HOPEFULLY MISS HILDA SOLIS AND THIS COMMISSION



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1 WILL TAKE EVERY ASPECT OF OUR POINTS SERIOUSLY AND IMPORTANT  
2 WITH URGENCY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

5

6 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** IF YOU CAN TURN MY MIC ON, THANK YOU. THIS IS  
7 WHAT INTEGRATIVE RECOVERY NETWORK LOOKS LIKE. A HOUSING  
8 PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE. GOSH, I HAD TO STOP BY HERE. I  
9 STOP BY HERE. I WANT TO THANK MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR CREATING  
10 THIS PROGRAM AND FUNDING THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE EVEN I HAD TO  
11 STOP BY AND GOD KNOWS WHERE I WOULD HAVE BEEN WITHOUT THIS  
12 PROGRAM. SO THE FUNDING SHOULD BE 5 CENTS INSTEAD OF A QUARTER  
13 PERCENT IF YOU ASK ME. HOMELESSNESS SHOULD BE DETOURED IN THE  
14 UNITED STATES. IN MY OPINION, DO A 5-CENT TAX BECAUSE PROGRAMS  
15 LIKE THIS NEED FUNDING. MARK, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORD. I LOVE  
16 YOU, AND YOU GUYS ALL, KEEP THE PROGRAMS. IT TAKES A VILLAGE  
17 TO RAISE A CHILD. THAT'S THE AFRICAN PROVERB. SO REMEMBER  
18 THAT. IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, SO YOU KEEP TAXING THE SAME PEOPLE. AND  
23 NOT CREATING NEW JOBS. YOU CREATE MORE POVERTY. YOU'VE BEEN  
24 DOING IT FOR 40 YEARS, 50 YEARS. YOU GOT TO CREATE JOBS TO GET  
25 RID OF POVERTY. YOU CAN'T TAX YOUR WAY OUT OF POVERTY. BUT YOU



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1 NEED THIS MONEY BECAUSE YOU'RE BROKE. EVERYTHING YOU DO IS  
2 BROKE. EVERYTHING YOU DO FAILS. AND THEN YOU GO AROUND. AND  
3 THEN EVENTUALLY SOMEBODY TALKS ABOUT THIS STUFF AND THEN YOU  
4 GOT TO ARREST THEM AND PUT THEM THROUGH ALL THIS GARBAGE. AND  
5 THEN YOU GOT TO PAY. AND THEN YOU GOT TO GO TO THE TAXPAYERS  
6 AND THEN THEY GOT TO PAY. YOU'RE NOT CREATING A [EXPLETIVE]  
7 JOB IN THIS COUNTY FOR 24 YEARS. THERE'S BEEN NO POSITIVE  
8 GROWTH IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THAT'S WHAT IT IS. EVERYBODY,  
9 RESIGN TODAY.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE SPEAKERS FROM LANCASTER,  
12 MICHAEL JENKINS AND DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS.

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14 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** THIS IS EVANGELIST MICHAEL JENKINS. I'M GOING  
15 TO GIVE DR. DIANA WILLIAMS MY TIME.

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17 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** HI, THIS IS DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS AND  
18 YES I'M STILL AWAKE. IN TERMS OF THIS ISSUE THERE COMPONENTS  
19 TO ME. THERE'S PUBLIC HEALTH. THERE'S A PRACTICAL APPROACH.  
20 AND THERE'S AGREED. ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO SAY IS THAT  
21 I AGREED WITH SOMETHING THAT MICHAEL ANTONOVICH SAID, WHICH  
22 SEEMED LIKE IT WAS 12 HOURS AGO. I FIND MANY FLAWS IN THE  
23 SURVEY THAT WAS DONE THAT SAID THAT THIS IS GOING TO PASS. I  
24 WAS TAUGHT BY ONE OF THE GREATEST SURVEYORS IN THIS AREA AND  
25 INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN, DR. EVA BAKER WHO IS ON THE RAND



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1 COMMISSION. I'VE ALSO SERVED ON THOSE \$30,000 SURVEYS THAT R.  
2 REX. PARRIS DID WHICH ARE TANTAMOUNT TO WHAT YOU DO ON  
3 TELEVISION. AND THERE ARE HOLES IN SAYING THAT PEOPLE ARE  
4 GOING TO PASS THIS. I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR IT. AND THE  
5 REASON WHY I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR THE SALES TAX IS BECAUSE  
6 I BELIEVE IN HELPING THE HOMELESS. BUT BECAUSE IN LANCASTER,  
7 WE JUST PASSED. LAST WEEK A TAX FOR THE HOMELESS. MICHAEL  
8 ANTONOVICH HAD HIS DISCIPLE, CATHERINE BARGER, BRING UP WHAT I  
9 BELIEVE IS A MILLION DOLLARS CHECK AND CORRECT ME IF I'M  
10 WRONG, MIKE, FOR HOMELESSNESS. SO THERE WAS MONEY THAT WAS  
11 BROUGHT UP TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. NOW YOU'RE TELLING ME TO  
12 TAX THIS, TO TAX MYSELF MORE WHEN THERE WERE MANY OTHER ISSUES  
13 OUT THERE THAT NEED TO BE TAXED. WHO'S TAXING FOR THE  
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LEARNING HOW NOT TO KILL BLACK PEOPLE.  
15 WHO'S TAXING FOR SOME OF THE MANY OTHER THINGS THAT ARE GOING  
16 ON IN L.A. BUT YOU WANT TO TAX ME JUST FOR THE HOMELESS. THAT  
17 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME. ALL MY MONEY TO THE HOMELESS. NO,  
18 I'M NOT VOTING ON IT. NOT HERE AND IN LANCASTER. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON  
21 THIS ITEM. SO WE'LL HAVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE GO AHEAD AND  
22 READ OFF EACH INITIATIVE.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, MAY I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
25 BE HEARD?





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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SURE.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK THE ISSUE FOR  
5 ME IS THIS. WE'VE MOVED CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF WORK FORWARD  
6 OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS THAT ADDRESSED THE NEED, THE NEED  
7 AS ESTABLISHED BY L.A.H.S.A., THE NEED THAT IS ESTABLISHED,  
8 THAT IS CORROBORATED BY THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. IS  
9 APPROXIMATELY \$450 MILLION. WE'VE ALSO SAID THERE'S AN  
10 EMERGENCY. THE STATE OF EMERGENCY THAT IS PURSUANT TO THE  
11 47,000, AN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS IN  
12 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BEYOND THAT, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE  
13 55 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS. WOMEN WHO ARE  
14 HOMELESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACCORDING TO  
15 L.A.H.S.A.'S COUNT. WE TALKED ABOUT THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER  
16 OF TENTS, A 20 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE LAST YEAR ALONE. THE  
17 ISSUE IS TRENDING IN A WAY THAT IS HUGEY PROBLEMATIC. THE  
18 ANTICIPATED DOWNTURN IN THE ECONOMY MAKES THIS EVEN MORE OF A  
19 WORRISOME SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES. I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THAT IT  
20 IS URGENT THAT WE ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. I FEEL VERY STRONGLY  
21 THAT THIS BOARD HAS SPOKEN TO THIS ISSUE AS A PRIORITY, THAT  
22 IS REINFORCED WITH REGULARITY BY THE POLLS ONE AFTER THE NEXT  
23 TO SAY THIS IS THE TOP TIER ISSUE WITH ONE EXCEPTION: JOBS AND  
24 THE ECONOMY. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT URGENCY SUGGESTS IN NO  
25 UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT WE DO THE FOLLOWING. WE FIND AS MUCH IN



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1 THE WAY OF RESOURCES THAT WE CAN. AND FIND THOSE RESOURCES  
2 MOVING AS QUICKLY INTO OUR COUNTY BUREAUCRACY SO THAT THE WORK  
3 CAN BEGIN IN EARNEST ON THE MATTER OF THE FIGHT AGAINST THIS  
4 HOMELESS CRISIS THAT IS INCREASING THE LEAST EFFECTIVE METHOD  
5 OF THE THREE THAT'S BEFORE US HAPPENS TO BE THE DISCUSSION  
6 AROUND THE TAX ON MARIJUANA. WE'VE HEARD THE NUMBERS, THE LOW  
7 NUMBER IS SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA OF \$80 MILLION. AND THERE'S A  
8 LOT OF QUESTIONS THAT ARE SURROUNDING THAT. AND IT MAY MOVE  
9 NORTH OF THAT. BUT THERE'S A LOT OF UNCERTAINTY IN THAT  
10 CONNECTION. AND SECONDLY YOU HAVE THE PARCEL TAX THAT WOULD  
11 GENERATE APPROXIMATELY \$180 MILLION. AND THEN THERE'S THE  
12 NUMBER OF \$355 MILLION IN TERMS OF A SALES TAX. WE'VE HEARD A  
13 LOT OF TESTIMONY SUPPORTING SALES TAX. THIS IS NOT ABOUT A  
14 REFERENDUM ON THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA. AS FAR AS I'M  
15 CONCERNED, THERE'S BEEN A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF ATTENTION  
16 PAID TO THE QUESTION OF MARIJUANA TODAY. I CAME TO DISCUSS THE  
17 ISSUE OF HOW WE WOULD CONFRONT THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS IN  
18 REAL TIME AND NOT WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE ENGAGED IN A  
19 CONVERSATION ABOUT THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA. THAT'S AN  
20 ISSUE THAT THE STATE HAS MOVED FORWARD ON A BALLOT MEASURE  
21 WHICH EVERYONE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS. SO I THINK  
22 WHAT I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST IS THAT WE FIGURE OUT WHAT THE  
23 APPROPRIATE PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO TAXATION OF MARIJUANA  
24 WOULD BE. MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I'M PREPARED TO SUBMIT  
25 A MOTION THAT WE DO THAT FOR OUR CONSIDERATION. PASS IT OUT



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1 FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IN THIS REGARD. I WOULD THINK THAT  
2 AFTER WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A CLEARER DISCUSSION IN  
3 LIGHT OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED TODAY ABOUT THE  
4 UNCERTAINTIES AND THE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS, THE INCOMPLETE  
5 WORK TO BE DONE LET ME PAUSE THERE AND GIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO  
6 THE AMOUNT OF WORK OUR STAFF ON THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS HAS  
7 DONE. LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY FROM THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O., TO  
8 THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNTY, TO PUBLIC HEALTH TO REGIONAL  
9 PLANNING, AGRICULTURE ET CETERA, IF I LEFT ANYBODY OUT, CHARGE  
10 IT TO MY HEAD, NOT TO MY HEART. I'M SIMPLY SUGGESTING TO YOU  
11 THAT A LOT OF WORK HAS BEEN DONE AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT.  
12 I THINK WE CAN RECOGNIZE WHAT WE NEED TO DO IN TERMS OF  
13 CAPTURING REVENUES FOR A NEW POTENTIAL TAXATION EFFORT ONCE IT  
14 IS ESTABLISHED. I DO NOT THINK THAT IT SHOULD NECESSARILY BE  
15 TIED TO THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. I THINK WE HAVE A PROPOSAL  
16 THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS IN REAL TIME, THE  
17 MOST RESOURCES, SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. THE LEAST EFFECTIVE  
18 PROPOSAL BEFORE US IN THAT CONNECTION HAPPENS TO BE THAT OF  
19 THE MARIJUANA TAXATION SCENARIO, THE MOST UNCERTAIN, THE MOST  
20 DELINQUENT IN TERMS OF WHEN IT WOULD SHOW UP AND THE LEAST  
21 AMOUNT IN THE WAY OF RESOURCES. I SUBMIT THIS MOTION FOR THE  
22 BOARD'S CONSIDERATION AND THE REST OF THE MOTIONS THAT ARE  
23 BEFORE US WE CAN TAKE UP ACCORDINGLY. MADAME CHAIR, WITH THAT,  
24 I WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE ITEM WITH RESPECT TO THE PARCEL  
25 TAX, TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WAS A MOTION THAT I BROUGHT IN, I'M



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1 COMFORTABLE WITH WITHDRAWING THAT AT THIS POINT AND PROCEEDING  
2 TO THE BALANCE OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE US. OF COURSE THAT  
3 WOULD TAKE THE WILL OF THE BODY TO DO THAT. BUT THAT'S ONE  
4 THAT COULD BE REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION TODAY.

5

6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YOU HAVE A MOTION BEFORE YOU TO  
7 WITHDRAW THE PARCEL TAX? THAT WOULD BE ITEM A UNDER THE PUBLIC  
8 HEARING AGENDA 36.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO MOVED.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SECOND.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED.

15

16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WE HAVE A MOTION BEFORE YOU THAT'S  
17 AN AMENDMENT TO ITEM 36.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS TECHNICALLY WOULD CHANGE-- PUT  
20 THE MARIJUANA INITIATIVE, OUR ORDINANCE ON MARCH NEXT YEAR, ON  
21 THE BALLOT. IS THAT WHAT I'M READING CORRECTLY?

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WHICH MOTION ARE WE REFERRING TO?

24



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1   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE MOTION BY RIDLEY-THOMAS, SINCE  
2   IT WAS THE LAST AMENDMENT, IT IS VOTED ON FIRST.

3

4   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DID IT GET A SECOND?

5

6   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND?

7

8   **SUP. KNABE:** I GUESS I'M-- I WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT SOMETHING  
9   LIKE THIS, BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS FOR NOVEMBER. THIS IS NOW  
10  MARCH.

11

12  **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE RATIONALE IS IN LIGHT OF THE TESTIMONY  
13  THAT WE HEARD TODAY, THERE ARE A LOT OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS  
14  WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSAL FOR TAXATION OF MARIJUANA. I WANT  
15  TO SAY THAT FOR THE RECORD, SHOULD IT BECOME LAW, IT IS CLEAR  
16  TO ME THAT WE WOULD BE LESS THAN INTELLIGENT IF WE WERE NOT TO  
17  CONSIDER WAYS THAT WE WOULD FIGURE OUT HOW TO RESPONSIBLY TAX  
18  THAT RESOURCE AND TO MOVE IT TOWARD THE SUPPORT OF THE THINGS  
19  THAT WE DEEM APPROPRIATE. WHAT'S BEFORE US TODAY IS  
20  ESSENTIALLY PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE. IN MY VIEW IT  
21  IS EFFECTIVELY JUMPING THE GUN. IT IS IN ADDITION TO THAT--  
22  I'LL RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO SAY THAT IT'S SMOKE AND MIRRORS  
23  BECAUSE SOMEONE MIGHT THINK THAT THEY MIGHT NEED TO UP ME ON  
24  THEIR POT REFERENCES. AND I'M SURE THAT THAT COULD HAPPEN. I'M  
25  SIMPLY SUGGESTING THAT WHAT'S BEFORE US HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY



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1 TO TAX MARIJUANA. I DO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL RELUCTANCE OF IT BEING  
2 TIED TO HOMELESSNESS, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT'S THE LEAST  
3 EFFECTIVE SET OF RESOURCES THAT WOULD BE AIMED AT THE HOMELESS  
4 CRISIS. MAY I RESTATE THAT IT'S 450 MILLION THAT OUR AGENCIES  
5 HAVE IDENTIFIED WE NEED. THE SALES TAX BRINGS IN \$355  
6 [MILLION]. MARIJUANA SCARCELY DOES \$80 [MILLION]. AND IT MAY  
7 DECLINE. THAT IS NOT THE WAY AT THIS POINT IN TIME TO GET  
8 AFTER THIS PROBLEM IN AN AGGRESSIVE WAY COMMENSURATE WITH OUR  
9 CLAIMS THAT THIS IS URGENT AND OUR EMERGENCY. THAT IS WHY I  
10 BRING IT TO YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. I WOULD ASK FOR A  
11 SECOND.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND IT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST HAD A BREAKING NEWS ALERT HERE ON MY SCREEN  
18 THAT SAID DIANE FEINSTEIN OFFICIALLY OPPOSES POT LEGALIZATION.  
19 JUST POPPED UP ON MY SCREEN. JUST THOUGHT I'D THROW THAT IN.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. FIRST LET ME  
24 PRAISE MY COLLEAGUE, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO HAS BEEN PRESSING  
25 US AND PRESSING US ABOUT THE ISSUE AND THE IMMEDIACY ABOUT THE



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1 ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. THE PARCEL TAX IS OFF THE TABLE. THAT  
2 LEAVES SALES TAX, WHICH BY MY COUNT REQUIRES FOUR COUNTS ON  
3 THIS BOARD. SHOULD WE BRING IT UP FOR THE VOTE AND IT NOT GET  
4 THE REQUISITE FOUR VOTES, THAT LEAVES THE MARIJUANA TAX. I  
5 PERSONALLY WANT SOMETHING ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT THAT BRINGS  
6 MONEY IN TO HELP US FUND THE SERVICES THAT WE MUST DO FOR  
7 HOMELESSNESS. THAT NEVER PRECLUDES US FROM WHAT WE MIGHT DO IN  
8 MARCH, WHAT WE MIGHT DO NEXT FALL, WHAT WE MIGHT DO BY 2018.  
9 AND I THINK THAT THE EXPERIENCE IN OTHER STATES HAS SHOWN THAT  
10 REVENUE FROM A TAX ON MARIJUANA HAS INCREASED OVER THE YEARS  
11 IN THOSE STATES WHERE IT'S BEEN LEGALIZED. I THINK THAT THE  
12 QUESTIONS THAT ARE RAISED BY THIS MOTION DO NOT HAVE TO BE  
13 ANSWERED BEFORE THIS BOARD TAKES THE ACTION TO PUT THIS TAX ON  
14 THE BALLOT. WE HAVE ALREADY SAID WE MUST DEVELOP A REGULATORY  
15 SCHEME. WE HAVE ALREADY SAID WE MUST DEVELOP A LICENSING  
16 SCHEME. WE HAVE ASKED THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO GIVE US  
17 AN ESTIMATE ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED OF IT. THAT DOESN'T  
18 SOUND LIKE "REEFER MADNESS," IF YOU DON'T MIND, MISS HARDING,  
19 TO HELP US WORK OUR WAY THROUGH IT AS WE WOULD ANYTHING ELSE.  
20 IT IS NOT REQUIRED THAT THESE QUESTIONS BE ANSWERED BEFORE WE  
21 DECIDE TODAY THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO PUT THIS MEASURE ON THE  
22 BALLOT. BECAUSE SHOULD THE STATEWIDE INITIATIVE PASS AND THIS  
23 BALLOT MEASURE PASS, FIRST OF ALL, FROM WHAT WE HEARD LAST  
24 TIME IT COULD TAKE TILL 2017 JUST TO COUNT THE VOTES. I'M  
25 SORRY. BUT WHO KNOWS. AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, IT WILL BE 2018





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1 AND WE'LL HAVE A REGULATORY SCHEME IN PLACE, ALL THE  
2 INFORMATION THAT WE NEED, ET CETERA. SO I BELIEVE IT IS TIME  
3 TO DO THIS NOW. THAT WE HAVE TO REALLY PUT THIS IN PLACE NOW.  
4 THE THING I ALSO LIKE ABOUT THE MARIJUANA TAX IS THAT IT LOOKS  
5 VERY DIFFERENT TO THE VOTERS FROM THE OTHER TWO TAXES THAT I  
6 THINK WE'LL SEE ON THE BALLOT. PARCEL TAX FOR PARKS, A SALES  
7 TAX FOR TRANSIT, A MARIJUANA TAX RELATED TO HOMELESS. AND I  
8 THINK THAT THAT HELPS THE VOTERS SEGREGATE THESE ISSUES AND  
9 THESE FUNDING STREAMS IN THEIR MIND. SO WHILE I AGREE THAT  
10 THESE ISSUES, SOME OF THEM MAY BE UNRESOLVED. I DO NOT AGREE  
11 THAT WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL MARCH ON THIS, PERSONALLY, AND I  
12 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR WORK.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I CONCUR FULLY WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL ON  
17 THE EMPHASIS ON DOING SOMETHING NOW. YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING  
18 NOW, IT WOULD BE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SALES TAX PROPOSAL.  
19 WHY? BECAUSE YOU GET THE MOST AND YOU GET IT SOONER. THERE IS  
20 NO UNCERTAINTY THAT ATTACHES TO THE SALES TAX. IT IS  
21 PREDICTABLE. YOU CAN'T EVEN PIN DOWN THE ISSUE OF THE  
22 MARIJUANA TAX IN TERMS OF WHAT IT WILL GENERATE. THE ONLY  
23 THING YOU CAN PIN DOWN IS THAT IT WILL NOT COME INTO EFFECT  
24 UNTIL 2018 AT THE EARLIEST. MAY I ADD TO THAT, THERE'S A LOT  
25 OF QUESTIONS IN TERMS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY, THE PUBLIC HEALTH,



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1 THE REGIONAL PLANNING IMPACTS. SHROUDED WITH QUESTIONS. IF WE  
2 WANT TO ACT DECISIVELY, IF WE WANT TO HAVE THE MOST IMPACT, IT  
3 SEEMS TO ME IF YOU WANT TO HAVE THE BROADEST EFFECT, NO ONE  
4 CAN SAY THAT THEY ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED. SOME HAVE  
5 ARGUED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THIS IS POTENTIALLY REGRESSIVE. MAY  
6 I REMIND YOU THAT THE VOTE THAT FOUR OF US TOOK AT THE  
7 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ON MEASURE R-2 WAS A  
8 SALES TAX. MAY I ALSO REMIND YOU THAT IT WAS TWICE THE AMOUNT  
9 THAT WE ARE ESSENTIALLY ASKING FOR WITH RESPECT TO THE  
10 HOMELESS. IS IT SOMETHING ABOUT THE HOMELESS THAT WE SHOULD  
11 RELY ON LESS THAN WE WOULD FOR A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM? MY  
12 POINT IS I DON'T THINK SO. IT WAS GOOD ENOUGH IN THAT  
13 INSTANCE, IT CERTAINLY IS IN THIS INSTANCE. SO NOW THE  
14 QUESTION I FULLY CONCUR WITH. IT IS NOT ONLY NOW. IT IS HOW  
15 MUCH, HOW QUICKLY AND WITH WHAT CERTAINTY? BELIEVE THAT WE  
16 SHOULD TAX MARIJUANA SHOULD IT BE LEGALIZED. IT IS NOT YET  
17 LEGALIZED AND WE HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LEVEL OF TAXATION  
18 AND IF IT WILL TIP THE MARKET INTO AN UNDERGROUND ECONOMY  
19 THAT'S MORE ILLICIT AND HAS DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTS IN  
20 COMMUNITIES ALREADY STRUGGLING WITH A RANGE OF MALADIES. THIS  
21 TO ME IS HUGELY PROBLEMATIC AND TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS  
22 HUGELY PROBLEMATIC, WE HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE. AND FOUR VOTES  
23 WILL DO IT. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE ARE FIVE PEOPLE HERE  
24 TODAY THAT WE ONLY NEED FOUR TO DO IT. I'M ONE FOR GOING  
25 FORWARD WITH THE SALES TAX BECAUSE IT WOULD DO THE MOST GOOD,



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1 THE SOONEST AND WE CAN GET AFTER THE ISSUE OF URGENCY WITH  
2 ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS CRISIS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
3 WHICH WILL WORSEN AS THE STATUS QUO WILL WORSEN. LET ME  
4 SUGGEST TO YOU WITH THE ANTICIPATED DOWNTURN IN THE ECONOMY,  
5 THAT WILL COMPOUND IT IN A WAY THAT WILL CAUSE IT TO BE  
6 PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO CATCH UP. LET'S DO THIS WHILE  
7 WE CAN AND DO IT NOW, WOULD BE MY APPEAL.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR, I DID  
10 NOT SECOND THAT DISCUSSION, THE SALES TAX. I THINK I'VE  
11 INDICATED TO MOST OF YOU THROUGHOUT THE WEEK IN GOING THROUGH  
12 AND TALKING TO VARIOUS PEOPLE, OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A LOT OF  
13 LOBBYING AS RELATES TO SALES TAX AND SOME OF THE OTHERS THAT I  
14 FELT VERY STRONGLY I AM NOT A PROPONENT OF MARIJUANA NOR  
15 PROBABLY WOULDN'T EVEN VOTE FOR THE LEGALIZATION. BUT THE  
16 POINT BEING IF IT'S GOING TO PASS, THEN WE OUGHT TO GET A  
17 PIECE OF THE ACTION BECAUSE IT WILL HELP THOSE THAT WE NEED TO  
18 HELP. AND I WAS PREPARED TO AND CONTINUE TO BE PREPARED SHOULD  
19 IT GO THAT WAY, TO SUPPORT PUTTING IT ON THE BALLOT IN  
20 NOVEMBER. I THINK JUST BASED ON WHAT WE FOUND OUT AND WHAT YOU  
21 LOOK AT SOME OF THE LEGAL ISSUES YOU HAVE TO FIND THE EARLIER  
22 THE BETTER SHOULD IT PASS TO BE PREPARED DOWN THE ROAD AND  
23 THEN YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE OPTION IN MARCH TO PUT SOMETHING  
24 ELSE ON THE BALLOT, MY QUESTION, I JUST THINK WE NEED A



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1 CLARIFICATION, I'LL ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. THERE'S A GENERAL TAX  
2 AND THERE'S A SPECIAL TAX. ALL RIGHT?

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4 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** FOR MARIJUANA?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** FOR MARIJUANA. THE ISSUE IS AS I UNDERSTAND IT,  
7 THE ISSUE OF DEDICATING THIS STRICTLY TO HOMELESSNESS IS HOW  
8 MANY VOTES?

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10 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THAT WOULD BE A SPECIAL TAX AND THAT  
11 WOULD BE 3 VOTES OF THE BOARD. AND TWO-THIRDS OF THE  
12 ELECTORATE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THE ONLY ISSUE WE CAN DEAL WITH IN THIS MOTION IS  
15 REALLY CAN'T DEAL WITH ANYTHING RECREATIONAL UNTIL 2018, IS  
16 THAT CORRECT?

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18 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. THE  
19 BUSINESS TAX--

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** THE BUSINESS TAX CAN GO FORWARD SHOULD IT PASS.

22

23 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IN 2018, WE COULD START TO TAX  
24 RECREATIONAL.

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT ABOUT THE MEDICAL SIDE?

2

3    **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THE MEDICAL YOU COULD START IN 2017.

4

5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHICH IS A BUSINESS TAX, CORRECT?

6

7    **SUP. KNABE:** YOU ALL ARE IN THE-- GO AHEAD.

8

9    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THIS MOTION'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. DO  
10 WE NEED TO VOTE ON THIS MOTION BEFORE WE--

11

12    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES. THIS ONE NEEDS TO BE VOTED ON  
13 BEFORE YOU GO TO THE BALLOTS.

14

15    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO WE'RE CLEAR WHAT THIS MOTION IS, FOR  
16 THE RECORD. TESTIMONY BY VARIOUS L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT  
17 REPRESENTATIVES TODAY UNDERScoreD THAT THE POTENTIAL PUBLIC  
18 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPACTS THAT ARE LIKELY TO BE CREATED BY THE  
19 LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PROCEEDING  
20 PRUDENTLY WITH ANY FORM OF TAXATION. TAXATION OF MARIJUANA  
21 ACROSS THE COUNTY SHOULD BE DONE AT A RESPONSIBLE LEVEL TO  
22 ENSURE THAT IT DOES NOT EXACERBATE AN ILLICIT MARKET AND ALSO  
23 ENSURE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE  
24 ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT COSTS OF CREATING AN  
25 ENVIRONMENT THAT FOSTERS RESPONSIBLE USE. MOREOVER, ANY



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1 REVENUE GENERATED SHOULD ADDRESS THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER  
2 COSTS RESULTING FROM LEGALIZATION. IF INDEED CALIFORNIA VOTERS  
3 CHOOSE TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA IN NOVEMBER, WE MUST BE PREPARED  
4 FOR A NEW POOL OF POTENTIAL RESIDENTS THAT WILL REQUIRE  
5 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT. PREVENTION-BASED EDUCATION AND  
6 OUTREACH SHOULD ALSO BE ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE THE RESPONSIBLE  
7 USE OF MARIJUANA, RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, THEREFORE FUNDS  
8 GENERATED SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY TARGETED TO THE NEW  
9 POPULATION OF INDIVIDUALS, WE IDENTIFY LARGELY YOUTH, AND WE  
10 TALK A LOT ABOUT COLORADO. MAY I SIMPLY SUGGEST THAT ARTICLE  
11 THAT JUST RELEASED, IN MAY, MARIJUANA ARRESTS ARE DOWN IN  
12 COLORADO FOR WHITE TEENS BUT UP FOR BLACK AND LATINO TEENS.  
13 MAY I SIMPLY SUGGEST TO YOU THAT DISPARITIES IN LAW  
14 ENFORCEMENT AND THE LIKE ARE CALLED OUT PRETTY INTERESTINGLY  
15 IN THIS ARTICLE AND I THINK ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WE NEED  
16 TO ATTEND TO IS HOW WE CONCERN OURSELVES FOR THESE YOUTH,  
17 SOCIOECONOMIC AS WELL AS RACIAL FACTORS ARE HARDLY ARE  
18 IRRELEVANT. MAY I THEN SAY THAT THE BALANCE DIRECTS THE C.E.O.  
19 IN COORDINATION WITH AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS AND OUTSIDE EXPERTS  
20 TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD IN 30 DAYS WITH A PROPOSAL TO  
21 AGENDIZE FOR THE MARCH 17 BALLOT AN ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA--  
22 SHOULD THE ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA PASS IN NOVEMBER OF '16, A  
23 PLAN TO TAX RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA AT A LEVEL THAT WILL  
24 SUFFICIENTLY COVER ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT COSTS, AS  
25 WELL AS PROVIDE NEEDED REVENUE TO TARGET ADDITIONAL PUBLIC



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1 HEALTH INTERVENTIONS TIED TO THE ANTICIPATED PROLIFERATION OF  
2 DRUG USE OWING TO THE VOTERS SENTIMENT AS IT PASSES IN  
3 NOVEMBER. THAT WOULD INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE POTENTIAL  
4 ONE TIME AND ONGOING COSTS AND TIMELINE TO CREATE NECESSARILY  
5 REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT AND TAXATION STRUCTURES, DESCRIPTION OF  
6 COSTS THE COUNTY COULD INCUR AS A RESULT OF THE ADULT USE OF  
7 MARIJUANA USE TAX PASSAGE ACROSS HEALTH, LAW ENFORCEMENT IN  
8 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND HOW THOSE COSTS COULD BE STRATEGICALLY  
9 ADDRESSED ADDITIONALLY A PREDICTION, PROJECTION AND TIMELINE  
10 FOR THE RECEIPT OF ANY POTENTIAL REVENUE GENERATED BY THE ACT  
11 IN TERMS OF STATE TAX RATE AND THE POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL COUNTY  
12 TAX, DESCRIPTION OF EVERYTHING THE COUNTY WOULD NEED TO  
13 LEGALLY AND ADMINISTRATIVELY DO TO PRESERVE THE STATUS QUO ON  
14 THE DAY, POST PASSAGE, AND FINALLY RECOMMEND A TIMELINE AND  
15 BUDGET FOR TAKING REGULATORY ACTION. FURTHER MOVE THAT THE  
16 C.E.O.-- THAT WE DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO WORK WITH  
17 REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL CITIES AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES TO  
18 EXPLORE A POTENTIAL REGIONAL TAXATION AND REGULATORY SCHEME  
19 THAT BEST PROTECTS PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND PROMOTES THE  
20 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING ACROSS THE REGION, ESPECIALLY IN THOSE  
21 COMMUNITIES IMPACTED DISPROPORTIONATELY BY THE IDENTIFIABLE  
22 HIGH CRIME RATES, PUBLIC HEALTH HARMS AND REPORT BACK IN 30  
23 DAYS WITH A PLAN TO POTENTIALLY PLACE A MARIJUANA TAXATION  
24 MEASURE ON THE MARCH 17TH BALLOT SHOULD IT BE LEGALIZED IN  
25 NOVEMBER. I WANTED TO GET THAT ON THE RECORD, MADAME CHAIR AND





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1 COLLEAGUES, SO THAT EVERYONE WOULD KNOW WHAT WE ARE  
2 ESSENTIALLY CONSIDERING.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD ADD TO THAT. I LIKE THE  
5 LYNDON JOHNSON MADE- FOR-T.V. MOVIE, AND THAT SOUNDED LIKE ONE  
6 OF THE FILIBUSTERS. [LAUGHTER.]

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I RESPECTFULLY SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
9 SECOND.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** NO. GOING BACK TO ONE OF YOUR EARLIER COMMENTS,  
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND THAT WAS THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF  
13 CONVERSATION ABOUT MARIJUANA TODAY AND NOT CONVERSATION ABOUT  
14 THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. IT SEEMED TO GET CAUGHT UP IN THAT.  
15 I WOULD JUST TAKE THAT AND SAY THIS HERE WHAT WE'RE DOING  
16 TODAY TO PUT IT ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT IS NOT A VOTE ON  
17 WHETHER OR NOT WE SUPPORT MARIJUANA. THE VOTE IS TO, IF IT  
18 SHOULD PASS, DO WE WANT TO BE IN LINE UP FRONT AND HAVE RULES  
19 AND REGULATIONS IN PLACE TO BE A PART, TO BE RECIPIENT OF THE  
20 REVENUE THAT COMES FROM THAT AND PUT INTO SOMETHING THAT'S SO  
21 DESPERATELY NEEDED AS THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. I KNOW WE  
22 NEED TO VOTE UP OR DOWN THIS MOTION. I DID SECOND FOR  
23 CONVERSATION, BUT I WOULD JUST CALL FOR THE QUESTION ON THAT  
24 FIRST MOTION.

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1    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, YOU HAVE A MOTION  
2    THAT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
3    THOMAS.

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5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

6

7    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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9    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** NO.

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11   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

12

13   **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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15   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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19   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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21   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO.

22

23   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE MEASURE FAILS.

24

25   **SUP. KNABE:** GO AHEAD.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SOUNDS LIKE UNANIMOUS PASSAGE TO ME. MAYBE  
3 I MISUNDERSTOOD THE VOTE. [LAUGHTER.]

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5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** NOW I'D LIKE TO SPEAK FOR FOUR HOURS. OH  
6 WAIT.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO MEMBERS, WE NEED TO CALL UP THE  
9 OTHER ITEMS THAT HAVE TO BE MOVED. OH I'M SORRY. THERE'S ONE  
10 INDIVIDUAL THAT NEEDS TO BE NOTICED. QUEEN SEARLES WE DID CALL  
11 HER BUT SHE WAS OUT WHEN WE CALLED HER, SO WE ARE GOING TO  
12 ALLOW HER TO COME AND SPEAK. WE APOLOGIZE. WE DID CALL YOU.  
13 THE FLOOR IS YOURS, MA'AM.

14

15 **QUEEN SEARLES:** THE REASON, I HAD TO MEET THE PERSON I WAS JUST  
16 TALKING TO SO THAT'S THE REASON. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HEARING  
17 ME. THANKS FOR INVITING ME, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WITH  
18 YOUR TWEETS. I LOVE THE TWEETS THAT I GET FROM YOU GUYS. I'M  
19 GRATEFUL FOR THE 4-CENT. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE POSITIVE  
20 FIRST. THE QUARTER OF A PERCENT, IF PEOPLE REALIZE THAT IT  
21 ONLY TOOK \$4 AND ALL YOU WOULD GIVE IS 1 PENNY TO HELP A  
22 HOMELESS PERSON, I'M SURE THAT EVERYBODY WOULD VOTE FOR THIS  
23 IN NOVEMBER BECAUSE THEY WILL REALIZE, I MEAN, WE DROP  
24 PENNIES. WE WALK OVER THEM, DON'T EVEN PICK THEM UP. ONE  
25 FOURTH, IT TAKES FOUR PEOPLE TO MAKE ONE PENNY. IT'S NOT EVEN



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1 A WHOLE PERCENT. SO IF THEY UNDERSTAND THAT, THEN THAT'S GOING  
2 TO PASS AND THAT'S WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR. AND I WANTED TO SAY  
3 I'M VERY HOMELESS. I'VE BEEN HERE. I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO LEAVE  
4 HERE AND NOT HAVE TIME OVER MY-- A ROOF OVER MY HEAD. WHAT I  
5 WANT TO ADD TO WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY DONE WITH THE HOMELESS  
6 RESCUE PROGRAM AND I'VE TAKEN POLL OF PEOPLE, THAT'S WHAT I  
7 WANTED TO SHOW YOU. I CAME TO YOU BEFORE AND TALKED ABOUT IT.  
8 BUT I'VE BEEN GOING AND I'VE BEEN TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT  
9 RESCUING AND HEARD SOMEONE ELSE SAY, TAKE SOMEBODY HOME WITH  
10 YOU. WE RESCUE DOGS, CATS, EVERYTHING. THE PEOPLE WHO RESCUE  
11 HOMELESS PEOPLE WOULD GET A TAX INCENTIVE. AND THIS IS GOING  
12 TO BRING A LOT OF MONEY BECAUSE IT WILL SAVE YOU MONEY. AND AT  
13 THE SAME TIME, SAY SOMEONE RESCUE SOMEBODY LIKE ME, IT'S GOING  
14 TO CREATE JOBS BECAUSE I HAVE A BUSINESS. THEY'RE GOING TO  
15 MENTOR ME TO FINANCIAL HEALTH. AND SO THAT'S GOING TO GENERATE  
16 MORE JOBS, MORE MONEY, MORE EVERYTHING. SO I'M PRAYING HOW TO  
17 FIND OUT TO ADD THIS TO YOUR BALLOT THAT WE DO THAT.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. BUT WE CERTAINLY CAN  
20 DIRECT YOU.

21

22 **QUEEN SEARLES:** PLEASE DON'T PASS MARIJUANA.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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1 **QUEEN SEARLES:** GET IN PLACE OF THOSE PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIRMAN, IT NEEDS TO BE CLEAR, WE'RE NOT  
4 PASSING MARIJUANA. WE ARE NOT VOTING ON MARIJUANA. WE'RE  
5 VOTING ON THE TAX SHOULD IT PASS. HAS NOTHING TO DO-- THE  
6 COUNTY HAS NO CONTROL IF IT PASS.

7

8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, AT THIS TIME, IT  
9 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND  
10 VOTE ON EACH ITEM.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM'S BEEN MOVED TO CLOSE  
13 THE PUBLIC HEARING. SECONDED BY KNABE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M ASKING BECAUSE IF IT DOES COME BACK,  
16 THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN WOULD HAVE HAD THEIR TESTIMONY  
17 REPRESENTED SO THERE WILL BE NEW PEOPLE TESTIFYING IF IT THIS  
18 CAME BACK.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, LET'S GO AHEAD NOW, CALL.

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22 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** OKAY, MADAME CHAIR, YOU HAVE BEFORE  
23 YOU THREE ITEMS. I WILL GO THROUGH EACH ONE BECAUSE THEY HAVE  
24 SEPARATE VOTING REQUIREMENTS. THIS IS A FOUR-VOTE ITEM. AN  
25 ORDINANCE LEVYING A COUNTY-WIDE QUARTER CENT TRANSACTION AND



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1 USE TAX FOR GENERAL PURPOSES WITH AN ADVISORY QUESTION ON  
2 FUNDING HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS. THIS IS A FOUR-VOTE ITEM.  
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** WHICH OF THE MOTIONS ARE WE VOTING ON?

14

15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THIS IS AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A  
16 COUNTYWIDE QUARTER CENT TRANSACTION AND USE TAX FOR GENERAL  
17 PURPOSES.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THIS IS NOT THE FILIBUSTER.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS THE SALES TAX.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

24

25 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

7

8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE MOTION FAILS TO CARRY. IT GOT  
9 THREE VOTES. IT NEEDED FOUR. THE NEXT ONE, THIS IS A THREE  
10 VOTE ITEM. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A COUNTYWIDE TAX ON  
11 MARIJUANA BUSINESSES WITH AN EXPENDITURE PLAN DEDICATED TO  
12 ADDRESSING THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF HOMELESSNESS. SO THIS IS  
13 A MARIJUANA TAX. IT IS A SPECIAL TAX. IT'S THREE VOTES.  
14 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO.

17

18 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

21

22 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

4

5    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

6

7    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

8

9    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE MOTION CARRIES. THE FINAL ITEM  
10    BEFORE YOU IS AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A COUNTYWIDE TAX ON  
11    MARIJUANA BUSINESSES FOR GENERAL PURPOSES WITH AN ADVISORY  
12    QUESTION ON FUNDING HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM. THIS IS A FOUR-VOTE  
13    ITEM. A MARIJUANA TAX WITH AN ADVISORY QUESTION ON FUNDING  
14    HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

15

16    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO.

17

18    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

19

20    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

21

22    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

23

24    **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

25



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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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5    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

6

7    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

8

9    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE MOTION FAILS. THERE IS ONE MORE  
10    ITEM, MADAME CHAIR, AND THIS IS RELATED TO R-2. THIS WAS AN  
11    EARLIER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TO DIRECT THE C.E.O.  
12    TO WORK WITH THE HEALTH AGENCY AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO  
13    EVALUATE THE SPENDING PLANS CURRENTLY IN PLACE IN THE COUNTY.

14

15    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL SECOND IT. IS THERE ANY  
16    FURTHER DISCUSSION? NO OBJECTION. OKAY. SUCH WILL BE THE  
17    ORDER. OKAY, GOOD, CONGRATULATIONS. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU,  
18    AUDIENCE, FOR BEING SO PERSISTENT WITH US TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]  
19    NOW WE MOVE ON TO ITEM NO. 12. OH, I'M SORRY. THERE'S AN R-4  
20    REPORT. BRIEF, RIGHT? NO FILIBUSTERS.

21

22    **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU.  
23    BEGINNING IN DECEMBER 2014, YOUR BOARD COLLECTIVELY DECIDED TO  
24    TACKLE FOUR OF THE MOST CHALLENGING ISSUES CONFRONTING OUR  
25    COUNTY: HOMELESSNESS, HEALTH AGENCY INTEGRATION, JAIL REFORM



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1 AND CHILD PROTECTION. WE HAVE AMBITIOUSLY PURSUED THESE  
2 INITIATIVES THROUGH A GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE THAT HAS ALLOWED US  
3 TO BE FAST OFF THE MARK AND INCORPORATE UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS  
4 OF HORIZONTAL INTEGRATION. BY ADOPTING THIS EFFICIENT AND  
5 EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO PROBLEM SOLVING, WE HAVE ENABLED  
6 DEPARTMENTS NOT ONLY TO TARGET THESE INDIVIDUAL PRIORITIES BUT  
7 TO ALSO AGGRESSIVELY MOVE FORWARD WITH THEIR OTHER CRUCIAL  
8 RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PUBLIC. AS YOU'LL SEE IN THIS  
9 PRESENTATION, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MILESTONES TO REPORT IN  
10 EACH OF THE PRIORITY AREAS. I WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH THE  
11 HIGHLIGHTS, AND LEADERS OF EACH INITIATIVES ARE WITH US HERE  
12 TODAY. I THOUGHT THEY WERE COMING UP SO I COULD INTRODUCE THEM  
13 AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. PHIL  
14 ANSELL WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF HOMELESSNESS. MARK GHALY WHO HAS  
15 BEEN IN CHARGE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY. MIKE NASH, WHO IS  
16 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION.  
17 WE'RE MISSING-- NOT COMING. SO IT'S JUST THE THREE  
18 INDIVIDUALS. SO AS YOU KNOW, THE BOARD'S FOUR PRIORITIES  
19 INITIATED IN ORDER TO TRANSFORM SERVICE DELIVERY AND IMPROVE  
20 THE LIVES OF SOME OF THE MOST COUNTY'S VULNERABLE RESIDENTS.  
21 IN KEEPING WITH THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY,  
22 REPORT ON THE ORIGINS AND PROGRESS OF EACH INITIATIVE IS  
23 POSTED UNDER THE DRIVING TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGES LINK ON THE  
24 COUNTY'S WEBSITE. THAT WEBSITE COULD BE FOUND ON  
25 WWW.LACOUNTY.GOV. HERE IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE WORK



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1 UNDERWAY. IN THE AREA OF HOMELESSNESS, THE COUNTY HAS  
2 DEVELOPED THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED EFFORT IN ITS  
3 HISTORY TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS WITH 47 HIGH-IMPACT STRATEGIES  
4 AND INITIAL COMMITMENT OF MORE THAN \$100 MILLION. MOST INITIAL  
5 PHASE STRATEGIES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED INCLUDING MORE RAPID  
6 REHOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, INCENTIVES FOR  
7 LANDLORDS TO ACCEPT FEDERAL HOUSING SUBSIDIES, EXPANDED  
8 OPERATING HOURS AT MOST L.A.H.S.A. OPERATED EMERGENCY  
9 SHELTERS. THE TEAM HAS ALSO CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE EXPLORATION OF  
10 POTENTIAL ONGOING REVENUE OPTIONS AND IT HAS UNDERTAKEN BROAD  
11 PUBLIC OUTREACH INCLUDING COMMUNITY SUMMITS, WEBINARS, A  
12 COUNTYWIDE MAYORS SUMMIT AND A PETITION DRIVE URGING STATEWIDE  
13 DECLARATION OF HOMELESS EMERGENCY. SLIDE 3. IN THE AREA OF  
14 HEALTH AGENCY INTEGRATION, THE COUNTY'S 3 HEALTH-RELATED  
15 DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN UNITED INTO A SINGLE HEALTH AGENCY.  
16 PROVIDING COORDINATED SERVICES THAT PROMOTE HEALTHY PEOPLE  
17 LIVING IN HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. KEY MILESTONES OVER THE PAST  
18 SEVEN MONTHS INCLUDE INCREASE USE OF MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE  
19 SERVICES, LEADING TO LESS OVERCROWDING AND PSYCHIATRIC  
20 EMERGENCY ROOMS, A TIMELY INTEGRATED RESPONSE BY ALL THREE  
21 DEPARTMENTS TO SERVE COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY EXIDE  
22 CONTAMINATION, COLLOCATION OF MENTAL HEALTH STAFF AT THREE  
23 MEDICAL HUBS SERVING CHILDREN AND TRANSITIONAL-AGE YOUTH AND  
24 MORE THAN 1600 E-CONSULTATIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS SINCE  
25 JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. ON SLIDE 4, JAIL REFORM. IN THE AREA OF



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1 JAIL REFORM, THE BOARD HAS FOCUSED ON DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY.  
2 THE COUNTY HAS ESTABLISHED A DEDICATED OFFICE TO FOCUS ON IF  
3 ENDERS WHO NEED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, NOT INCARCERATION.  
4 MORE THAN 150 ELIGIBLE PERSONS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY MOVED  
5 OUT OF JAIL AND INTO COMMUNITY BASED RESTORATION PROGRAMS AND  
6 PLACEMENTS. AT LEAST 200 UNITS AND SUPPORT SERVICES SLOTS ARE  
7 AVAILABLE FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH  
8 SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY TO OPEN  
9 THE COUNTY'S FIRST SOBERING CENTER IN THE SKID ROW AREA IN  
10 COLLABORATION WITH HOUSING FOR HEALTH. THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION  
11 AND RE-ENTRY ALSO PARTNERED WITH COUNTY AND NONCOUNTY AGENCIES  
12 TO LEAD THE WORK AROUND PROPOSITION 47. ON SLIDE 5, IN THE  
13 AREA OF CHILD WELFARE, THE COUNTY HAS CREATED A NEW OFFICE OF  
14 CHILD PROTECTION, FULFILLING A KEY RECOMMENDATION OF THE  
15 BOARD-APPOINTED BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. PROGRESS TO DATE  
16 INCLUDES FINALIZING THE FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN IN  
17 COLLABORATION WITH 16 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND MULTIPLE  
18 STAKEHOLDERS, HIGH LEVEL HIRING IN CRITICAL AREAS HAS BEEN  
19 COMPLETED. WORKING WITH COUNTY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO  
20 DEVELOP A COUNTY-WIDE PREVENTION PLAN THAT EXPANDS AND LINKS  
21 EXISTING COMMUNITY NETWORKS AND SUPPORTS EARLIER ACCESS TO  
22 VITAL SERVICES AND REVIEWING THE LAST FIVE YEARS OF D.C.F.S.  
23 STAFF AND CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORTS TO INFORM RECOMMENDATIONS  
24 FOR SYSTEMATIC IMPROVEMENTS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
25 UPDATE YOU ON THESE KEY PRIORITIES WHICH ARE THE HEART OF



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1 DRIVING TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGES IN OUR COUNTY. WE WOULD BE  
2 HAPPY TO HAVE THE LEADERS OF EACH INITIATIVE EITHER SAY A FEW  
3 MORE WORDS OR TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE AT  
4 THIS TIME.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** EMPHASIS ON FEW.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS? I  
9 THINK IT'S PRETTY SELF-EXPLANATORY MYSELF.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, I THINK, MADAME CHAIR, THAT I HAVE A  
12 RANGE OF QUESTIONS ON EACH OF THESE ITEMS. I'M MORE THAN  
13 WILLING TO, PURSUANT TO CHAIR'S REQUEST TO HOLD THEM AND  
14 PERHAPS CONTINUE THE ITEM WHERE WE WILL HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITY  
15 TO DISCUSS IT MORE THOROUGHLY. I'M PREPARED TO RECOMMEND THAT  
16 THAT IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THERE MAY BE A LITTLE FATIGUE  
17 FACTOR SETTING IN FOR SOME MEMBERS. WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE,  
18 MADAME CHAIR?

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO ASK THE  
21 STAFF IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO SAY ANYTHING REGARDING THEIR  
22 REPORT. I MEAN YOU'VE WAITED ALL DAY LONG TO BE HERE FOR THIS  
23 PURPOSE. SO HERE'S YOUR TIME, I THINK. AND I'M GLAD YOU'RE  
24 HERE. AND CONGRATULATIONS, REALLY. AND TO OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
25 OFFICER. THANK YOU. JUDGE NASH.



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2 **MICHAEL NASH:** I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I APPRECIATE THE  
3 SUPPORT THAT OUR OFFICE HAS RECEIVED DURING THE TIME THAT I'VE  
4 BEEN HERE. AND WE'RE VERY BUSY ON THE INITIATIVES THAT WERE  
5 NOTED BY C.E.O. AND A NUMBER OF OTHER INITIATIVES, SOME OF  
6 WHICH HAVE BEEN GENERATED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO I  
7 THINK YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FUTURE TO  
8 HEAR A LOT MORE FROM US.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, TOO, FOR YOUR WORK.

11

12 **DR. MARK GHALY:** MARK GHALY WITH D.H.S. AND THE HEALTH AGENCY.  
13 I ECHO THAT. WE HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY, I WILL SAY, BOTH ACROSS  
14 THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH EFFORTS THAT I THINK HAVE SPREAD AROUND  
15 THE HOMELESSNESS, SOLVING THE HOMELESSNESS ISSUE IN L.A.  
16 COUNTY THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENTS REALLY BEYOND WHAT D.H.S. HAS  
17 DONE. I THINK A NUMBER OF THE THINGS YOU SAW IN THE SLIDES ARE  
18 WORK THAT H.F.H. IS DOING. EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS JUST THE FOCUS  
19 AROUND DIVERSION. I THINK SOME OF THE OTHER POINTS THAT ARE  
20 WORTH EMPHASIZING IS WE'RE FINALLY FAIRLY FULLY STAFFED. WE  
21 HAVE A NEW DIRECTOR. MOST OF THE POSITIONS FILLED. I THINK THE  
22 150 FOLKS WE'VE ALREADY DIVERTED ARE SOME OF THE HARDEST TO  
23 DIVERT IN THE COUNTY. THERE ARE MIS PATIENTS, THE  
24 MISDEMEANANTS, INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL. SO I THINK WE'RE  
25 REALLY GONE AFTER A POPULATION THAT OFTEN BEEN OVERLOOKED AND





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1 HARD TO WORK FOR, AND WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL THERE. SO WE  
2 HOPE THAT WILL SPREAD AS WELL MOVING INTO THE PHASE OF REALLY  
3 BUILDING THE HOUSING RESOURCES FOR THIS POPULATION. AND THEN  
4 IN THE LAST AREA, THE FOCUS AROUND THE INTEGRATED JAIL HEALTH.  
5 WE MADE QUITE A BIT OF PROGRESS. THEY'RE BUILDING UP, I THINK,  
6 THE MEDICAL LEADERSHIP AT THE SHERIFF TO ALLOW US TO PROMOTE A  
7 MORE THOUGHTFUL AND I THINK CLINICALLY BASED CARE SYSTEM AND I  
8 LOOK FORWARD TO REPORTING TO YOU IN MONTHS OR YEARS TO COME  
9 THE SUCCESS THERE. SO AS QUESTIONS COME UP, JUST LIKE JUDGE  
10 NASH MENTIONED, WE'LL BE HERE TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS AND  
11 HOPEFULLY CONTINUE THE MOMENTUM YOU'VE ALLOWED US ALREADY TO  
12 BUILD UP.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO SAY FIRST IT'S BEEN A  
15 PLEASURE WORKING WITH YOU, MARK, BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE IT'S JUST  
16 SO IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE SENSITIVITY FROM OUR  
17 STAFFS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS WE'RE FACING AND WHAT WE  
18 REPRESENT IN TERMS OF OUR COMMUNITY. EXIDE IS ONE EXAMPLE.  
19 MAYWOOD WAS ANOTHER. AND ALL THESE THINGS HAPPENING ONE AFTER  
20 ANOTHER AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT AND THE STAFF HAS BEEN  
21 WONDERFUL. PUBLIC HEALTH, D.H.S. OVERALL, EVERYONE HAS BEEN  
22 VERY ATTENTIVE INCLUDING OUR OTHER AGENCIES. SO THE  
23 COLLABORATION IS HAPPENING. AND IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE IT  
24 BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY SEES IT. AND TO ME THAT'S THE MARK WHEN



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1 WE KNOW THAT THE COMMUNITY IS RECOGNIZING THAT TOO, SO THANK  
2 YOU FOR YOUR HELP. JUST PERSONALLY, ON A PERSONAL NOTE.

3

4 **DR. MARK GHALY:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **PHIL ANSELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. PHIL ANSELL, DIRECTOR OF  
7 THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE. I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M  
8 EXTRAORDINARILY EXCITED AND INSPIRED BY THE WORK THAT IS GOING  
9 ON THROUGH THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE. THROUGH THE PLANNING  
10 PROCESS WHICH THE BOARD SUPPORTED, WE GALVANIZED AND MOBILIZED  
11 A LEVEL OF UNPRECEDENTED ENERGY WITHIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT WITH  
12 CITY PARTNERS AND WITH THE COMMUNITY. AND SINCE THE BOARD'S  
13 ACTION ON FEBRUARY 9TH, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO BUILD ON THAT  
14 ENERGY AND MOVE FORWARD WITH IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING AND FOR  
15 THE PHASE 1 STRATEGIES. THE INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF A SUBSET  
16 OF THE 47 STRATEGIES WHICH ARE BOARD-APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 9TH.  
17 YOUR STAFF AT THE MOST RECENT HOMELESS POLICY DEPUTIES MEETING  
18 HEARD PRESENTATIONS FROM THE LEAD DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES FOR  
19 THOSE PHASE 1 STRATEGIES AND THEY CAN AN TEST TO THE LEVEL OF  
20 ENERGY AND THE LEVEL OF SYNERGY AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS WORKING  
21 ON THESE STRATEGIES AND ACROSS THE STRATEGIES. SO THERE IS  
22 ENORMOUS ENERGY MOVING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I SAY LOS  
23 ANGELES COUNTY COUNTY BOTH AS A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY AND AS A  
24 GEOGRAPHIC AREA, MOVING TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS IN A WAY THAT  
25 MAKES ME VERY EXCITED. AND THE EXTENDED DEBATE EARLIER TODAY



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1 ABOUT AN ONGOING HOMELESS REVENUE OPTION REALLY ATTESTS TO  
2 THAT ENERGY. THERE WERE MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HERE.  
3 AND THE QUESTION WITH WHICH WE GRAPPLED TODAY WAS NOT WHETHER  
4 TO SECURE AN ONGOING REVENUE MEASURE BUT WHAT MEASURE AND  
5 WHEN. AND THE FACT THAT THAT IS NOW THE QUESTION RATHER THAN  
6 IF, BUT WHICH AND WHEN, IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE  
7 MOVEMENT THAT IS HAPPENING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO COMBAT  
8 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I WANT TO SAY, I'M LOOKING AT THREE  
13 EXTRAORDINARY LEADERS ACTUALLY I SHOULD SAY FOUR, BECAUSE THE  
14 BOARD IS REALLY A DREAM MACHINE OR AS MANY OF THE DEPARTMENTS  
15 MIGHT SAY A MOTION MACHINE. AND WE THINK UP A LOT OF STUFF.  
16 BUT THE WHOLE IDEA WAS REALLY TO IDENTIFY THOSE AREAS  
17 ESPECIALLY WHERE THERE'S SO MANY DEPARTMENTS ENGAGED IN  
18 SERVING IN MANY WAYS THE SAME POPULATIONS OR SERVING IN  
19 DIFFERENT WAYS BUT WITHOUT A LOT OF COMMUNICATION. SO WE  
20 STARTED TALKING A LOT ABOUT SILOS. AND WE DIDN'T START IT.  
21 PEOPLE, THEY KEPT USING THE WORD SILOS, SILOS, SILOS OR SMOKE  
22 STACKS OR WHATEVER. AND WE ASKED ESSENTIALLY OUR NEW C.E.O.  
23 FOR A DIFFERENT STRUCTURE. AND IT WASN'T JUST A GOVERNANCE  
24 STRUCTURE. IT WAS SOMETHING I CALLED SORT OF JOKINGLY THE AD  
25 HOC-RACY, WHICH WAS THE DOTTED LINE BOXES IN THE MIDDLE OF HER



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1 AREAS THAT DIDN'T GO UNDER ANY DEPARTMENT AND SORT OF THINKING  
2 UP A WAY TO BRING THESE TOGETHER AND WE'RE REALLY LOOKING AT  
3 THE THREE OF YOU AND SAYING THESE WERE THE AREAS WHERE WE  
4 WANTED THERE TO BE PERFECT COMMUNICATION AMONG THE  
5 DEPARTMENTS, AND PERFECT IDEATION, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY  
6 IMPLEMENTATION. AND I THINK SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, I'M VERY,  
7 VERY PLEASED. WE'RE ONLY ON THE BEGINNING OF WHAT'S GOING TO  
8 BE A REALLY INTERESTING, IMPORTANT AND TOUGH PATH. BUT IT HAS  
9 BEEN VERY TRANSFORMATIVE FOR EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTY FOR  
10 BETTER OR FOR WORSE. JOHN ANSON FORD, FORMER SUPERVISOR, WROTE  
11 A PRETTY SLIM BOOK CALLED "30 EXPLOSIVE YEARS IN L.A. COUNTY."  
12 SO MUCH HAPPENED IN THOSE 30 YEARS THAT HE DETAILED. SO MANY  
13 CHANGES. AND A LOT OF INSTRUCTION ABOUT HOW CHANGE OCCURS. HOW  
14 YOU BUILD COLLABORATION WITH EACH OTHER. HOW PEOPLE AGREE AND  
15 THEN THEY DON'T AGREE. AND SO I REALLY AM VERY HAPPY WITH THE  
16 DIRECTION THAT WE'RE TAKING. ESPECIALLY WITH YOU, OUR C.E.O.,  
17 WHO SAID OKAY, WE TAKE YOUR VERY INCHOATE DREAMS AND HERE'S  
18 HOW WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THEM A LITTLE BIT MORE MANIFEST. AND  
19 FIND SOME REALLY GOOD PEOPLE TO DO IT. NOT SAYING EVERYTHING  
20 IS PERFECT. I'M NOT SAYING EVERYTHING IS EVEN 10 PERCENT WHERE  
21 IT'S GOING, BUT I REALLY LIKE THE DIRECTION. SO THANK YOU VERY  
22 MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS THAT  
25 I MIGHT WISH POSE. I'M MORE THAN WILLING TO SUBMIT TO THE



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1 RESPECTIVE OFFICES THROUGH THE C.E.O. IN A MEMO FORM THAT CAN  
2 THEN BE SHARED WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN TERMS OF THE  
3 RESPONSES, BECAUSE SOME OF THEM RELATE TO THE SHERIFF'S  
4 DEPARTMENT WHO ISN'T HERE AND THAT'S ONE OF THE FOUR PIECES IN  
5 TERMS OF OUR REFORM AGENDA-- THERE HE IS. YOU'VE BEEN HIDING  
6 ALL THAT TIME. I STILL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO COMMUNICATE THE  
7 CONCERNS THAT I HAVE FOR A MORE SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE THAN  
8 MIGHT BE AFFORDED AT THIS POINT IN TIME. MAYBE YOU IDENTIFY  
9 YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD, YOUR NAME, YOUR RANK AND YOUR SERIAL  
10 NUMBER.

11

12 **VIC TRUJILLO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. COMMANDER  
13 VIC TRUJILLO FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SPECIAL STANDARDS  
14 DIVISION.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK THE PRIORITIES ARE WHAT  
17 THEY ARE. AND MOVEMENT IS HAPPENING THAT IS NOTEWORTHY.  
18 APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. FOR ITS  
19 STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP. OBVIOUSLY MORE TO BE DONE. THE BALANCE  
20 OF WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER BY WAY OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD  
21 PROTECTION HEALTH AGENCY AS WELL AS THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE  
22 AND THE REFORM IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, I'LL DO IN WRITTEN  
23 FORM AND RESPONSES I WOULD HOPE COULD BE SHARED WITH THE  
24 ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD. THEN WE SHOULD CUE THIS UP FOR A FOLLOW



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1 UP AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, PURSUANT TO THE BOARD MOTION THAT  
2 BROUGHT THIS FORWARD TODAY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT'S VERY GOOD. WE DO  
5 HAVE SOME SPEAKERS THAT I NEED TO CALL UP. WE HAVE LANCASTER  
6 ONLINE. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS. AND MICHAEL JENKINS.

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8 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** EVANGELIST MICHAEL JENKINS AGAIN AND I WOULD  
9 LIKE TO GIVE MY TIME TO DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** GOOD LATE AFTERNOON, BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS. AGAIN, DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS. I WANTED TO  
15 SPEAK ON THE ISSUE OF DIVERSION AND I'M SPEAKING MORE AS A  
16 PARENT AS OPPOSED TO AN ADVOCATE. I HAVE A SON WHICH I SPOKE  
17 TO YOU ABOUT BEFORE WHO MIKE HELPED ME ADOPT 20 YEARS AGO. WE  
18 WERE LIED TO, MISLED, MIKE, CONCERNING THINGS SUCH AS SYPHILIS  
19 AND GONORRHEA FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. HE WAS EXTREMELY  
20 DEPRESSED FOR YEARS AND YEARS. WE NEVER KNEW WHAT WAS WRONG  
21 WITH HIM. MY SON IS A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM. HE IS BEING  
22 CHARGED WITH SOMETHING, OF PUTTING SOMETHING ON FACEBOOK  
23 CONCERNING BEING BEATEN CONSTANTLY BY THE MOTHER OF HIS CHILD  
24 WHICH WOULD NEVER LEAVE BECAUSE THAT IS THE ONLY BLOOD HE HAS  
25 ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH AND HE LOVED HER DEARLY, HIS



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1 DAUGHTER. NOW I'M HERE BECAUSE THEY OFFERED HIM A MISDEMEANOR  
2 WITH A LITTLE TIME, TWO DAYS, TWO WEEKS IN JAIL, HE WOULD NOT  
3 ACCEPT IT BECAUSE HE DID NOT DO ANYTHING. HE NEVER TOUCHED  
4 HER. MY SON COULD NOT EVEN BE ANGRY IF HE WANTED TO. WE ARE  
5 TRYING TO GET HIM BACK IN THE REGIONAL CENTER. HE SHOULD NEVER  
6 BEEN PUT OUT OF THE REGIONAL CENTER. YOU AND I DIDN'T EVEN  
7 KNOW HE WAS IN THE REGIONAL CENTER IT WAS A LIE AND  
8 FABRICATION AND THEY HID IT FROM US. THEY ARE NOW TRYING TO  
9 PUSH DIVERSION ON HIM. DIVERSION FOR WHAT? HE HASN'T DONE  
10 ANYTHING. I WOULD RATHER SACRIFICE MY SON THAN ALLOW HIM TO  
11 TAKE ANY KIND OF NONSENSE ON HIS RECORD. BUT WHAT I WILL SAY  
12 TO YOU IS, I TALKED TO MR. BRUCKNER AND I HAVE IT ON TAPE. AND  
13 HE TALKED TO ME ABOUT THE CULTURE AND THE CORRUPTION IN THE  
14 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH COURTHOUSE. I ALSO TALKED TO AN  
15 INVESTIGATOR NAMED DEAN WHO TALKED ABOUT THE MICHAEL  
16 ANTONOVICH BEING A HANGING COURTHOUSE AND THEY WOULD CONVICT  
17 MY SON EVEN THOUGH HE HADN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG. I WILL DIE,  
18 AND I MEAN THAT, I WILL DIE BEFORE I ALLOW MY SON TO TAKE A  
19 MISDEMEANOR AS A BLACKMAIL IN THIS COMMUNITY JUST TO GET TO  
20 ME. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. OKAY. WE  
23 HAVE ARNOLD SACHS. HERMAN HERMAN. WAYNE AND DR. GENEVIEVE  
24 CLAVREUL.

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THIS ONE MINUTE  
2   CRAP IS CRAP. LEARNED A LOT TODAY. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE  
3   GENTLEMAN COMING UP AND TALKING ABOUT DIVERSION. THE LYNNE  
4   LYMAN MENTIONING THAT THE COUNTY IS STILL GETTING THE \$380  
5   MILLION FROM PROP 47 FROM THE STATE. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT'S  
6   GOING ON WITH THAT MONEY. YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT EXIDE AND  
7   MAYWOOD. YOU FAILED TO MENTION PORTER RANCH, AND THE  
8   DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN WHAT THE HEALTH AGENCIES DID AT PORTER  
9   RANCH AND YOUR PEOPLE AT EXIDE AND MAYWOOD, SI, SI PUTO,  
10   RIGHT? AND THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT  
11   THE \$100 MILLION THAT YOU'RE GIVING OUT BUT YOU TALKED ABOUT  
12   THE \$950 MILLION THAT THE COUNTY HAS SPENT ON HOMELESS. WE  
13   DON'T HEAR TOO MUCH ABOUT THAT. AND A DREAM MACHINE? MISS  
14   KUEHL, IT'S MORE LIKE NIGHTMARE ON TEMPLE STREET.

15

16   **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. SO WE HAVE THE PROP 47. THE LAW THAT  
17   DOESN'T WORK. YOU GO OVER, YOU TAKE THE FREEWAY. THEN YOU GO  
18   TO ADELANTO, THIS LIVING HELL CALLED ADELANTO, AND ALL OF  
19   THESE--

20

21   **MARY WICKAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, THIS IS NOT ABOUT PROP 47.

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23   **WAYNE SPINDLER:** BECAUSE IT IS, MISS PITBULL, I KEEP TELLING  
24   YOU, THEY ARE THERE BECAUSE THEY'RE CONVICTED OF CRIMES.

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1 **MARY WICKAM, COUNSEL:** WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT 47. WE ARE  
2 TALKING ABOUT R-4 NOW. R-4, SIR. PLEASE GET BACK ON TOPIC.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STAY ON TOPIC.

5

6 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YOU'RE TAKING MY TIME. YOU'RE INTERRUPTING ME.  
7 PEOPLE ARE BEING DEPORTED BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT GETTING RELIEF  
8 UNDER THE STATUTE. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE THERE. STOP DEPORTING  
9 PERMANENT RESIDENTS. GET THEM THE RELIEF UNDER 47.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED.

12

13 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SO ANTI-IMMIGRANT, THE LATINA, YOU KNOW?

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WHAT DO YOU KNOW? OKAY. HERMAN  
16 HERMAN, PLEASE.

17

18 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** THAT'S ALL I KNOW, LADY.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SURE, YOU CAN'T PRACTICE LAW HERE.  
21 BYE. GO AHEAD.

22

23 **HERMAN HERMAN:** I DON'T KNOW NOTHING. I KIND OF ACT LIKE  
24 ARISTOTLE. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT CHILD WELFARE, HEALTH  
25 SERVICES, INTEGRATION. BUT I DO KNOW ABOUT A TOPIC CALLED



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1 HOMELESSNESS. I SEE 47,000 PEOPLE SITTING ON OUR STREETS. I  
2 SEE HOW CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE AND AUTHORITATIVE  
3 ADMINISTRATIVE USE HOMELESSNESS AS A TOOL TO ABUSE AND CREATE  
4 A SYSTEM THAT IS FRAUDULENT, RACIST AND DISCRIMINATORY. I  
5 REALLY HOPE THAT CHANGES NOW THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
6 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

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8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
9 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'M ONLY GOING TO FOCUS ON HEALTH  
10 AGENCY INTEGRATION. AND I'M SO ANGRY I CANNOT EVEN SPEAK. I AM  
11 APPALLED. ALL THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN ARE LIES ON  
12 MANY LEVELS, THAT EVEN THE DOCTOR CAN COME HERE AND SIT DOWN  
13 AND FEED YOU THAT GARBAGE IS APPALLING. RIGHT NOW THINGS ARE  
14 NOT WHAT THEY WERE. THEY STILL HAVE THREE DIFFERENT HUMAN  
15 RESOURCES. IT TAKES SIX MONTHS TO GET APPOINTMENT. IT IS SO  
16 ENORMOUS. I HAVE NO TIME BUT FOR YOU TO ACCEPT THOSE KIND OF  
17 REPORTS IS SCARY. IT IS SCARY AND I DEMAND THAT YOU LOOK  
18 INTENSIVELY AT WHAT'S GOING ON.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION, MADAME CHAIR. ARE  
21 YOU REFERRING TO THE REPORT ON THE GOVERNANCE AND SO FORTH,  
22 DR. CLAVREUL?

23

24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THE ONE ON TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE HERE.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT, RIGHT. IT COMES BACK AGAIN.

2

3    **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT BECAUSE IT  
4    IS A GROSS MISREPRESENTATION. AND THE HOSPITAL COMMISSION IS  
5    SENDING A LETTER TO DR. KATZ. I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT  
6    YOU LOOK AT IT.

7

8    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT IT COMES BACK AGAIN FOR THE RECORD.  
9    THIS IS SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD ON A SEMIANNUAL BASIS. SO THAT  
10   WE CAN TRACK, SO THAT WE CAN MONITOR, SO THAT WE CAN ADVANCE  
11   ACCOUNTABILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE REFORMS THAT WE SAY ARE  
12   IMPORTANT TO US. SO THIS IS NOT THE LAST TIME WE WILL HAVE AN  
13   OPPORTUNITY TO DIG IN.

14

15   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND FOR THE SAKE OF FAIRNESS, I WILL  
16   PROVIDE YOU WITH THE WRITTEN REPORT WITH THE INFORMATION SO  
17   YOU CAN LOOK AT IT.

18

19   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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21   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

22

23   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS IS A RECEIVE AND FILE. VERY  
24   GOOD. LET'S MOVE ON NOW TO ITEM NO. 12 THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE  
25   HELD?



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I DID HOLD THAT. I'M WILLING TO  
3 CONTINUE IT. ALL I HAVE, I SUPPORT THE MOTION. I JUST HAD AN  
4 AMENDMENT THAT I'D LIKE TO BRING IN. WANT ME TO DO IT NOW?  
5 JUST TALKS ABOUT PERIODICALLY EXAMINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF  
6 AUREALIS B.E. [PH?] AND THEIR D.V.B.E. PREFERENCE PROGRAMS.  
7 I.S.D., C.E.O. AND NOW THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS HAVE  
8 SUBMITTED REPORTS TO THE BOARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE  
9 THESE PROGRAMS. IN APRIL 2014, I.S.D. REPORTED TO THE BOARD  
10 THE RESULTS OF A STUDY DONE BY CAL STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOS  
11 ANGELES, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS. THE STUDY  
12 ESTIMATED IN ORDER FOR THE COUNTY TO GET TO A 10 PERCENT  
13 UTILIZATION, IT WOULD NEED 4,167 REGISTERED L.S.B.E.S. THIS  
14 WOULD BE A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE FROM THE APPROXIMATELY WE HAVE  
15 1,300 NOW. THE C.E.O. CAME TO THE SAME CONCLUSIONS IN A REPORT  
16 THIS PAST AUGUST. STATED THAT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO INCREASE ITS  
17 D.V.B.E.S AND L.S.B.E.S. THE UNDERLYING GOAL SHOULD BE  
18 INCREASE THE POPULATION OF PARTICIPANTS. THE UTILIZATION PLAN  
19 BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY IS NO DIFFERENT. INDEED, A NOTE SAID,  
20 IN ORDER TO REACH A VERY AMBITIOUS GOAL, THE COUNTY NEEDS TO  
21 INCREASE THESE TENFOLD OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. SO I WOULD  
22 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF  
23 B.C.B.A. TO INCLUDE IN HIS QUARTERLY REPORTS A SECTION  
24 DEDICATED TO THE SIZE OF THE VENDOR POOL, INCLUDING THE NUMBER  
25 OF L.S.B.E.S AND D.V.B.E.S, A TIMELINE WITH THE ESTIMATED



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1 VENDOR POOL SIZE FOR BOTH, IN ORDER FOR THE COUNTY TO REACH  
2 ITS 25/3 UTILIZATION GOAL BY 2020, AND THAT THE RESULT OF  
3 THESE STRATEGIES ARE OUTLINED IN THE UTILIZATION PLAN. JUST  
4 ADD TOGETHER THE QUARTERLY REPORT.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I ACCEPT THAT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT WE COULD PUT ON  
9 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK, IS TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD WITHHOLD ANY  
10 SPENDING AUTHORITY UNTIL THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT IS PROVIDED  
11 TO OUR BOARD. IT SHOULD BE PRESENTED BY SEPTEMBER 6TH AND  
12 INCLUDE A DETAILED JUSTIFICATION FOR RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL  
13 RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE UTILIZATION PLAN INCLUDING ANY  
14 STAFFING RECOMMENDATIONS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M FINE WITH THAT.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DID  
19 YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING ON THIS ITEM ? NOT AT THIS POINT. WE  
20 DO HAVE SEVERAL SPEAKERS. AND I DO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
21 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HIS STAFF FOR WORKING AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
22 AND KNABE AND OTHERS THAT HAVE BEEN REALLY HONING IN ON THIS  
23 ISSUE FOR THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF. I THINK TODAY WE'RE AT A  
24 GOOD PLACE. THERE'S A LOT THAT COULD BE SAID. A LOT HAS BEEN  
25 SAID ALREADY AT THIS MEETING. SO WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM OUR



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1 SPEAKERS THAT ARE GOING TO PRESENT IT BEFORE US, I BELIEVE.  
2 WHY DON'T WE GO STRAIGHT TO THEM. WE HAVE ASHLEY CORDERO, IF  
3 THESE FOLKS ARE STILL HERE. ASHLEY CORDERO. ADAM HIRSCH. STEVE  
4 BUCHANAN. KERRY DOI. SAW KERRY EARLIER. VERNON WEBB. SARAH  
5 LEISTIKOW. ROBERT EGGER. GO AHEAD., SIR WELCOME.

6

7 **STEVE BUCHANAN:** THANK YOU. IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY. FIRST OF ALL  
8 I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF A  
9 SMALL BUSINESS. IT'S IMPERATIVE AS A SMALL BUSINESS THAT YOU  
10 HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW AND TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF YOURSELF. OUR  
11 OWNER COMPANY IS CALLED K'ONTINUOUS TECHNOLOGIES. WE'RE AN  
12 I.T. SERVICES FIRM. I'M ALSO A CERTIFIED L.S.B.E. AND I HAVE  
13 FILED SOME R.F.P.S WITH THE COUNTY. SO I KNOW THE IMPORTANCE  
14 OF HAVING A COMPETITIVE FIELD WHERE I CAN COMPETE WITH LARGE  
15 I.T. ORGANIZATIONS. SO I URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT A  
16 MEASURE AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS AND I DO THANK  
17 YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VERY GOOD.

20

21 **VERNON WEBB:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR. SUPERVISORS. MY  
22 NAME IS VERNON WEBB. I'M THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF WEBB GROUP  
23 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. WE PROVIDE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND  
24 EXECUTIVE COACHING PROGRAMS. WE ARE LOCATED IN CULVER CITY.  
25 AND IN ESSENCE WHAT WE DO IS WE INTEGRATE CONCEPTS OF





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1 MINDFULNESS AND EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE IN OUR EXECUTIVE  
2 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS. I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
3 THANK BRIAN STIGER AND HIS CHIEF DEPUTY JOEL AYALA FOR THE  
4 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. WEBB GROUP LEADERSHIP  
5 DEVELOPMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE COUNTY'S UTILIZATION GOAL TO  
6 INCREASE THE COUNTY'S CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO  
7 THE LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, DISABLED VETERAN  
8 ENTERPRISES AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CERTIFICATION PROGRAM  
9 FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES. THE GOAL OF 25 PERCENT AND 3 PERCENT  
10 IS HUGE. HOWEVER, ON BEHALF OF THE MANY THOUSANDS OF OTHER  
11 COUNTY SMALL EMPLOYEES, COUNTY BUSINESSES, WE WANT TO THANK  
12 YOU FOR TAKING THIS ON.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I WOULD JUST BE REMISS  
15 IF I DIDN'T ALSO COMPLIMENT OUR VERY OWN BRIAN STIGER AND HIS  
16 STAFF. VERY CAPABLE STAFF. I DON'T KNOW IF BRIAN'S HERE OR  
17 NOT. BRIAN, TAKE A VOW AND YOUR STAFF. MR. AYALA. THEY'VE DONE  
18 OUTSTANDING JOB THIS LAST YEAR AND A HALF, AND I KNOW IT'S  
19 BEEN HARD. SIX MONTHS OF HARD WORK ON THIS AND MEETING WITH A  
20 LOT OF PEOPLE AND GETTING THE BEST IDEAS BUT WE'RE COMING INTO  
21 THE 21ST CENTURY, YES. AND IT'S GOOD BECAUSE WE CAN NOW LOOK  
22 TO HOPEFULLY EXPAND UPON THE \$4 BILLION WORTH OF FUNDS THAT WE  
23 DO BUSINESS WITH, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND THROUGHOUT THIS  
24 COUNTY AND THE STATE, THAT WE CAN EXPAND THAT REACH TO OUR  
25 SMALL BUSINESSES, MINORITY, DISADVANTAGED, VETERANS AND ALL



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1 THE OTHER GROUPS THAT WE KNOW WOULD LIKE TO BE PARTNERS WITH  
2 US. SO MY HAT GOES OFF TO YOU AND TO OUR STAFFS WORKING SO  
3 HARD TIRELESSLY ON THIS ISSUE AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MORE  
4 OPPORTUNITIES COME FORWARD.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S A GOOD THING, MADAME CHAIR. IT'S A  
7 REAL GOOD THING. AND WE ARE READY TO JUST OFFER APPROPRIATE  
8 ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO ALL THOSE WHO WORKED ON OUR RESPECTIVE  
9 STAFFS, SHOUT OUT TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS, DAVID RICATELLO AND  
10 OTHERS WHO WORKED ON THIS. TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE BENEFIT, TRIPLE  
11 BOTTOM LINE BENEFIT. MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT FOR THE  
12 DISADVANTAGED, REDUCING THE DEMAND ON COUNTY SERVICES. AND  
13 INCREASING THE TAX BASE. A TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE. SO \$3.9 BILLION  
14 IN TERMS OF ANNUAL COUNTY PROCUREMENT IS NOW GOING TO BE  
15 AVAILABLE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING BY CERTIFIED SMALL BUSINESSES  
16 AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES THROUGH THIS PLAN. IT'S A GOOD THING  
17 ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT. SO THIS IS NOT ABOUT EMPLOYEES OR  
18 LOANS. IT'S ABOUT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, AS WELL. I BELIEVE  
19 THAT'S THE WAY YOU BUILD HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU FOR  
20 YOUR COLLABORATION IN THIS, MADAME CHAIR. TO THE RESPECTIVE  
21 DEPARTMENTS, WE THANK YOU, AS WELL.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

24



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1   **SUP. KNABE:** CAN I JUST ADD? I THINK THIS IS A VERY AGGRESSIVE  
2   PROGRAM AND IT'S GOING TO DO WONDERS IF WE'RE SUCCESSFUL. IT'S  
3   GOING TO HAVE A VERY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES IN  
4   THIS COUNTY.

5

6   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YEP. WE DO HAVE INTO SPEAKERS, I'LL  
7   CALL THEM UP. HERMAN HERMAN. WAYNE. DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS.  
8   ARNOLD SACHS. ERIC PREVEN. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

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10   **HERMAN HERMAN:** MADAME SPEAKER, I'D LIKE TO YIELD MY TIME TO  
11   MR. ARNOLD SACHS. THANK YOU.

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13   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, THANK YOU. GOOD  
14   AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. COMMENTING ON WHAT YOU MENTIONED  
15   EARLIER ABOUT WHAT ONE OF THE OTHER SPEAKERS KNOW. THE 21ST  
16   CENTURY STARTED IN 2001, MA'AM. THIS IS 2016. WE ARE NOT  
17   ENTERING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY. WE ARE 15 YEARS INTO IT.  
18   EXCUSE ME? EXCUSE ME? I THOUGHT I HEARD SOME KIND OF COMMENT  
19   IN THE BACKGROUND THERE. SMALL BUSINESSES, YOU KNOW THE CITY  
20   OF LOS ANGELES, WHEN THE RECESSION HIT, THEY PUT TOGETHER A  
21   PROGRAM. THIS IS BACK 2008, 2009 MAYBE 2010. TO ASSIST SMALL  
22   BUSINESSES. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THEY WANTED TO REDEFINE THE  
23   PARAMETERS OF WHAT WAS BE CONSIDERED WHERE A SMALL BUSINESS  
24   COULD BE LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THEY WERE  
25   TOLD BY CITY ATTORNEY THAT THE CITY ACTUALLY HAS PARAMETERS



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1 FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. AND SO FOR YOU TO TALK ABOUT THE YEAR  
2 AND A HALF THAT YOU'VE BEEN BUSY HARD AT WORK SNORING, IT'S SO  
3 DISINGENUOUS BECAUSE BEYOND RECESSION, WHICH AFFECTED TONS OF  
4 SMALL BUSINESSES AND THE RECOVERY PERIOD YOU WOULD THINK THAT  
5 THE LEADERS THAT WE HEAR ABOUT, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
6 BEING THIS FLAGSHIP OF LEADERSHIP, YOU'D THINK THEY WOULD BE  
7 ON TOP OF THIS. AND I'M ALSO SOMEWHAT CONCERNED. I KNOW YOU DO  
8 A LOT OF THINGS WITH UNION WORKERS AND CONTRACTS WITH THAT SO  
9 THAT IT'S FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND THERE WAS A STORY IN THE L.A.  
10 TIMES, AN EDITORIAL, ABOUT HOW THE CONTRACTORS ARE REQUIRED TO  
11 MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS. BUT IT'S THE UNIONS THAT SEND THE  
12 WORKERS. SO THEY'RE NOT AFFECTED BY THE ORDINANCES THAT YOU  
13 HAVE.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE A VERY RUDE MAN. NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** EXCUSE ME?

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19 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

22

23 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** VERY, VERY GOOD COMMENTS ON A NUMBER OF  
24 ISSUES. AND AGAIN LOOKING FOR THE NEEDY FUNDING. THAT'S ALL  
25 YOU GUYS DO. YOU KEEP LOOKING FOR MORE MONEY UNDERNEATH EVERY



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1 ROCK YOU CAN LOOK. THIS IS RIDICULOUS. THIS IS NOT A WELFARE  
2 AGENCY. WE'RE A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. LOWER THE GOD DARN  
3 TAXES. FOR THE SMALL BUSINESSES WITH LESS THAN 20 EMPLOYEES.  
4 THAT'S WHAT IT IS. THAT'S THE MICROECONOMIC SYSTEM THAT YOU  
5 NEED TO DEVELOP. IT'S THOSE LITTLE GUYS THAT BECOME THOSE BIG  
6 GUYS. BUT YOU KEEP GOING TO WASHINGTON, GOING "AIN'T GOT A  
7 GRANT FOR YOU" AND YOU'RE LIKE, "OKAY, AFTER THE PROSTITUTES."  
8 WE DON'T NEED THIS. STOP DOING IT.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** LANCASTER ON THE LINE? OKAY. LET'S GO  
11 TO MARY JACOBS. MARY JACOBS?

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13 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS IS ON HER WAY.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE. WE'LL PICK IT UP. WE  
16 HAVE SOMEONE HERE. GO AHEAD.

17

18 **MARY JACOBS:** I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU, FIRST OF ALL, FOR  
19 INADVERTENTLY FORCING ME TO BECOME A BUSINESS PERSON. I WAS  
20 JUST A LANDLADY AND NOW I AM BEING INADVERTENTLY TURNED INTO A  
21 RESTAURATEUR AND HOMELESS SHELTER EXTRAORDINAIRE. AND I AM  
22 GOING TO START MY OWN THEATER, AND I'M NOT EVEN CRAZY. I'M  
23 JUST A BUSINESSWOMAN. I EVEN STARTED MY OWN YOUTUBE CALLED  
24 MARY FROM MARS. AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ON "THE GONG SHOW" FOR OVER  
25 25 YEARS. AND I BROUGHT EVERY LITTLE PART OF ME THAT COULD



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1 SING, DANCE AND TELL SILLY JOKES IN ORDER TO MAKE A LIVING  
2 BECAUSE I LOST MY \$1,600 WHEN C.N.R. WAS FORCED AWAY. IN A WAY  
3 YOU DID ME A FAVOR BECAUSE IT'S CREATING POVERTY THAT HAS A  
4 HOLE AND I'M GOING TO FILL IT WITH MORE MONEY THAN I EVER HAD  
5 FROM C.N.R. SO EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING. I HOPE YOU  
6 COME TO SEE JOEY'S BEEF STORE. IT'S CALLED JOEY'S MEAT JOINTS.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE LANCASTER ON THE  
9 LINE.

10

11 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** I DO APOLOGIZE FOR BEING LATE. I WAS  
12 TIED UP. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I REPORTED THIS-- I SUPPORT  
13 THIS AGENDA ITEM. I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE FOLLOWED DILIGENTLY.  
14 I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO DO TRACKING. NEED TO DO REPORTS. BUT  
15 WE ALSO NEED TO HAVE SOME GOOD FAITH EFFORT IN TERMS OF THOSE  
16 INDIVIDUALS THAT WE DO EMPLOY TO DO THESE THINGS. AND  
17 OFTENTIMES I'M VERY SUSPICIOUS OF HOW THINGS ARE DONE BECAUSE  
18 OF THINGS I HAVE SEEN IN MY LIFETIME, AND THE GREAT GRAFT AND  
19 CORRUPTION I HAVE WITNESSED. BUT I THINK THAT IN TERMS OF  
20 THIS, I THINK IT SHOULD BE SUPPORTED WHOLEHEARTEDLY. I THINK  
21 WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD AND I THINK THAT WE SHOULD SHOW GOOD  
22 FAITH AND GIVE IT THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT, AND RISE TO THE  
23 OCCASION. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, MEMBERS, THIS ITEM  
2   IS BEFORE US. MOVED AS AMENDED BY KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT  
3   OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY, MEMBERS, NOW WE TURN  
4   TO SPECIAL ITEMS AND ADJOURNMENTS. WE START WITH SUPERVISOR  
5   KUEHL.

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7   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN  
8   WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EARL SHERMAN WHO DIED  
9   ON JULY 3RD. HE FOUNDED THE CROWN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WHERE  
10   HE BUILT MORE THAN 250 SCHOOLS, HIGH AND LOW RISE APARTMENTS,  
11   DOHENY PLAZA, TEHACHAPI JAIL, THE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE  
12   HOSPITAL. AND HOUSING TRACTS IN LANCASTER AND PALMDALE. AFTER  
13   RETIRING FROM REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, HE AND HIS WIFE STARTED  
14   A HOME CARE AGENCY KNOWN AS A.A.A. T.L.C. HEALTHCARE  
15   INCORPORATED, WITH MORE THAN 4,000 NURSES AND CAREGIVERS. HE  
16   WAS KNOWN AS A BENEVOLENT BUSINESSMAN WHO TREATED HIS  
17   EMPLOYEES LIKE FAMILY. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JODIE PEARL  
18   SHERMAN. HIS CHILDREN, HARVEY, DOUGLAS, MARIA, JOHN AND HIS  
19   BROTHER HOWARD. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN  
20   IN MEMORY OF RICHARD GRAYSON WHO IS AN INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN  
21   PERFORMER, TEACHER, COMPOSER AND RECORDING ARTIST KNOWN FOR  
22   HIS REMARKABLE IMPROVISATIONAL SKILLS. HE WAS A PROFESSOR OF  
23   MUSIC AT OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE AND AFTER RETIRING TAUGHT AT THE  
24   CROSS- ROADS SCHOOL IN SANTA MONICA. SURVIVORS INCLUDE HIS  
25   WIFE, DR. SUSAN GRAYSON AND A BROTHER AND SISTER. AND I MOVE





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1 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ELYSE  
2 GRINSTEIN WHO DIED ON JULY 2ND. AN ART PATRON SHE HELPED  
3 ORIENT THE CENTER OF THE AMERICAN ART SCENE TO LOS ANGELES.  
4 SHE CO-FOUNDED THE ART LITHOGRAPHY PRINT PUBLISHING HOUSE  
5 GEMINI G.E.L. AMONG THE ARTISTS WHO PRODUCED PRINTS WITH  
6 GEMINI WERE ROBERT RAUSCHENBURG, JOSEF ALBERS, MAN RAY, SAM  
7 FRANCIS. LARRY BELL. JASPER JOHNS. ELLSWORTH KELLY. RICHARD  
8 SERRA. ROY LICHTENSTEIN AND DAVID HOCKNEY. ALSO AN ARCHITECT  
9 ELYSE DESIGNED AN AVANT GARDE KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN  
10 RESTAURANT ON WESTERN AND OAKWOOD AVENUES IN L.A.'S KOREATOWN  
11 AND REMODELED ARTIST DAVID HOCKNEY'S HOLLYWOOD HILLS HOME,  
12 SEVERAL AREAS OF CAL ARTS CAMPUS AFTER 1994 EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE.  
13 SHE'S SURVIVED BY DAUGHTERS AYN, ELLEN AND NANCY. AND I MOVE  
14 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOE JARES,  
15 SPORTS WRITER WHO DIED ON JULY 2ND. HE WORKED AS A FORMER L.A.  
16 DAILY NEWS SPORTS WRITER AND COLUMNIST. SPENT MORE THAN 15  
17 YEARS AT "SPORTS ILLUSTRATED" AND WAS A GENERAL ASSIGNMENT  
18 REPORTER AT THE L.A. TIMES AND A WRITER FOR THE UNITED PRESS  
19 INTERNATIONAL AND "THE LOS ANGELES HERALD- EXPRESS." HE  
20 COVERED MORE THAN 20 DIFFERENT SPORTS AND AUTHORED NINE  
21 SPORTS-RELATED BOOKS INCLUDING "WHATEVER HAPPENED TO GORGEOUS  
22 GEORGE?" ABOUT PRO WRESTLING WHICH "SPORTS ILLUSTRATED"  
23 INCLUDED IN ITS LIST OF THE TOP 100 SPORTS BOOKS OF ALL TIME.  
24 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SUZY AS WELL AS TWO DAUGHTERS HAYLEY  
25 AND JULIE. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION.  
3 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. FIRST ADJOURN IN  
6 MEMORY OF JERRY MILLER LONGTIME FRIEND OF MINE. AS A MATTER OF  
7 FACT, YEARS AGO IN THE '70S WHEN I WAS PRESIDENT OF THE  
8 CERRITOS OPTIMIST CLUB HE WAS MY SECRETARY-TREASURER. HE WAS A  
9 REALTOR IN THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER AND CERRITOS. HE WAS PART OF  
10 THE ORIGINAL, IT WAS COGBURN REALTY IN BELLFLOWER. LONGTIME  
11 MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER. LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE LIONS, AND OTHER  
12 CLUBS THERE IN THE CERRITOS OPTIMIST CLUB. HE WAS KNOWN AS MR.  
13 BELLFLOWER. HE WAS BORN IN NEBRASKA, MOVED TO SAN PEDRO AND  
14 EVENTUALLY WOUND UP IN BELLFLOWER. HE HAD QUITE A CAREER  
15 WALKING ACROSS EUROPE, WINDING UP AS AN EXTRA IN SOME OF THOSE  
16 MOVIES OVER THERE. BUT ANYWAY HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CAROL  
17 AND SON JEFF. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND  
18 FRIENDS ALONG WITH HIS SERVICE CLUB FAMILIES, FROM THE  
19 CERRITOS OPTIMIST CLUB, THE BELLFLOWER NEW LIONS, AND THE  
20 BELLFLOWER ELKS CLUB. GREAT GUY. FUNNY GUY, AND HE WILL BE  
21 MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHARLES  
22 HUFF, LONGTIME HACIENDA HEIGHTS RESIDENT. PASSED AWAY RECENTLY  
23 AT THE AGE OF 71. VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF  
24 HACIENDA HEIGHTS FOR OVER 30 YEARS WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE. HE  
25 SERVED AS A KIWANIS REGION 35 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, AND WAS THE



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1 NUMBER 1 DISTRICT CLUB BUILDER, WHICH INCLUDES CALIFORNIA,  
2 NEVADA AND HAWAII. SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER POLITA, SON GREG  
3 AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. AND THEN WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SANDY  
4 FIRMS. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF AVALON WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY  
5 1ST. SHE WAS BORN IN AURORA, ILLINOIS AND LIVED ON CATALINA  
6 FULL-TIME FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. SHE WAS A STAFF MEMBER OF  
7 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THERE FOR MANY YEARS AS THE INFORMATION  
8 SPECIALIST AT THE VISITORS CENTER. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR  
9 HER BRIGHT VIVACIOUS PERSONALITY THAT SHE BLESSED ALL THAT  
10 KNEW HER WITH. SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
11 HER DAUGHTER AND FELLOW CHAMBER STAFF MEMBER MICHELLE WARNER,  
12 HER SON-IN-LAW ALAN HARBOR PATROLMAN GREG WARNER,  
13 GRANDCHILDREN AUSTIN AND JOEY. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS,  
14 MADAME CHAIR. I DO HAVE A READ-IN AS IT RELATES TO A REWARD.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** EARLY IN THE MORNING SUNDAY JULY 10TH, LAW  
19 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS RECEIVED SEVERAL CALLS REGARDING THREE  
20 FEMALES WORKING THE STREETS. THEY WERE VICTIMS OF HIT-AND-RUN  
21 THEY RESPOND TO THE LOCATION WHERE 16-YEAR-OLD AMIYA H. WAS  
22 PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE SCENE. THE OTHER TWO FEMALES WHO WERE  
23 DESCRIBED AS ADULTS WERE INITIALLY REPORTED TO HAVE RECEIVED  
24 MINOR INJURIES. BUT THE MEDIA REPORTED THAT BOTH ADULT FEMALES  
25 DIED ON ROUTE TO THE HOSPITAL. EVERYONE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 FAMILY WHO KNEW AMIYA MOURNS HER LOSS. IT'S HEARTBREAKING THAT  
2 SOMEONE SO YOUNG WHO WAS TRYING SO HARD TO OVERCOME THE MANY  
3 CHALLENGES SHE WAS BRAVELY FACING COULD HAVE TAKEN HER LIFE IN  
4 SUCH A VIOLENT WAY. THE DRIVER INVOLVED REMAINS AT LARGE. SO I  
5 WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OFFER \$10,000 REWARD FOR  
6 INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE  
7 PERPETRATOR OF THIS CRIME.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST LET ME INTRODUCE THIS MOTION RELATIVE  
16 TO THE LEGAL TRAFFICKING OF LOCAL DESCRIPTION ISSUANCE OF THIS  
17 ORGANIZATION. RECENT NEWS REPORTS OF LOCAL CLINICS WERE  
18 INVESTIGATED FOR PRESCRIBING SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF OXYCONTIN  
19 AND WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH CORRUPT PHARMACIES IN LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY. EVIDENCE OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF THE OPIATE  
21 PAINKILLERS WERE PRESCRIBED AND ISSUED WHICH SUGGESTS THE  
22 PRESENCE OF ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD  
23 PHARMACIES. EVIDENCE EXISTS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE BEING USED IN  
24 THESE MEDICAL RINGS THAT CONDUCT SCAMS BY SHUTTling HOMELESS  
25 INDIVIDUALS AROUND TO VARIOUS PHARMACIES WHICH HEIGHTENS



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1 CONCERNS FOR SECURITY, COLLATERAL DAMAGE AND OTHER SOCIETAL  
2 ISSUES THAT HURT OUR COMMUNITIES. UNDER FEDERAL LAW, DRUG  
3 MAKERS ARE REQUIRED TO ALERT THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF  
4 HIGH VOLUME ORDERS TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S AN AWARENESS OF  
5 ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING TAKING PLACE. MANUFACTURERS ARE SLIPPING  
6 THROUGH THE CRACKS DUE TO A CHRONIC LACK OF FEDERAL AND STATE  
7 OVERSIGHT. DRUG COMPANIES MAINTAIN DATA FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
8 SALES WHICH TRACK THE NUMBER OF PRESCRIPTIONS BEING ISSUED BY  
9 INDIVIDUAL DOCTORS. A DUTY TO REJECT ORDERS FROM CUSTOMERS  
10 EXISTS IF THE COMPANY SUSPECTS ITS DRUGS ARE GOING INTO THE  
11 BLACK MARKET. THIS SORT OF FEDERAL OVERSIGHT HAS FALLEN SHORT  
12 IN OUR COUNTY. NOT ONLY DO PHARMA COMPANIES DO NOT ALERT THE  
13 D.E.A. BUT THERE'S NO WAY TO SHUT OFF THE SUPPLY OF SUCH  
14 HIGHLY ADDICTED DRUGS THAT ARE GOING OUT ON THE STREETS UNTIL  
15 IT'S TOO LATE. THE IMPACT OF THIS LACK OF FEDERAL AND STATE  
16 COMPLIANCE IMPACTS US DIRECTLY, BOTH IN THE SHORT AND LONG  
17 TERM. I THINK THE REPORTS INDICATED ONE PHYSICIAN WAS MAKING  
18 \$40 MILLION IN ILLEGAL TRANSACTIONS JUST A FEW BLOCKS FROM  
19 WHERE WE ARE IN THIS, THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION. SO I'D MOVE  
20 THAT WE DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO REPORT BACK  
21 ON THE CURRENT IMPACTS OF OPIATES AND PRESCRIPTIONS OF SUCH IN  
22 L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING ANALYSIS OF PHYSICIANS AND PHARMACIES  
23 IN THE COUNTY ARE BEING REGULATED AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE  
24 LEVEL AND WHETHER ANY ACTIONS REGARDING THE VOLUME OF  
25 PRESCRIPTIONS AND OPIATES BEING PRESCRIBED IS NEEDED, AND



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1 DIRECTING THE C.E.O. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO  
2 PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD WHAT ACTIONS CAN BE TAKEN  
3 TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S ADEQUATE NECESSARY FEDERAL AND STATE  
4 OVERSIGHT OF OPIATE PRESCRIPTION USE AND TO ESTABLISH PROPER  
5 D.E.A. OVERSIGHT OF OPIATE MANUFACTURERS, PHYSICIANS AND  
6 PHARMACIES RELATING TO THE POTENTIAL ILLICIT PRESCRIPTION  
7 ACTIVITY.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I'M CURIOUS IF  
10 PERHAPS IN THIS MOTION WE COULD EXPLORE THE USE OF PERHAPS A  
11 HOTLINE SO PEOPLE CAN CALL IN.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BECAUSE I THINK WE HAVE TO HAVE AN  
16 AWARENESS IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND THIS ARTICLE THAT CAME OUT  
17 FOCUSED ON SOMETHING THAT OCCURRED IN MY DISTRICT A WHILE BACK  
18 IN HUNTINGTON PARK.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND SAN MARINO AS WELL.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SAN MARINO AND MACARTHUR PARK AREA.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** INCLUDING A HOTLINE.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO I WOULD INCLUDE IT IF THAT'S FINE  
2   WITH YOU. THAT WOULD BE VERY GOOD. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AGREED. ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE  
5   ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LOU BOZIGIAN, FORMER MAYOR OF LANCASTER.  
6   HE WAS MY APPOINTEE TO THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES. PASSED  
7   AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE WAS SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN. CIVIC  
8   LEADER AND CHAMPION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. DIRECTOR OF  
9   DESERT HAVEN ENTERPRISES, PRESIDENT OF LANCASTER PERFORMING  
10   ARTS FOUNDATION, A HERO IN OUR ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY. HIS  
11   LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO HELPING THOSE  
12   WITH DISABILITIES WILL HAVE A LASTING IMPACT FOR OUR  
13   RESIDENTS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS CATHY AND CAROL.  
14   HIS BROTHER AND HIS NEPHEW MARK WHO IS ALSO THE CITY MANAGER  
15   FOR THE CITY OF LANCASTER. LOU WAS A VERY FINE MAN. HE WAS A  
16   GIVING PERSON. HE WAS ALWAYS INVOLVED BUT NEVER WANTED THE  
17   LIMELIGHT. JUST WANTED TO BE SERVING HIS COMMUNITY AND HIS  
18   CHURCH AND A GREAT ROLE MODEL. GHAZAR KAHWAJIAN, UNCLE OF MY  
19   APPOINTEE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, GREG KAHWAJIAN,  
20   PASSED AWAY ON JULY 1ST AT THE AGE OF 88. HE CAME TO  
21   CALIFORNIA FROM DAMASCUS IN 1979. HE WORKED AS A DIAMOND  
22   SETTER IN THE JEWELRY DISTRICT AND THEN MOVED TO THE VAN NUYS  
23   AREA WHERE HE OPERATED HIS OWN BUSINESS. HE WAS A CREATIVE AND  
24   COMPETITIVE PERSON, REMAINED VERY ACTIVE PHYSICALLY, UNTIL  
25   NEARLY THE END. LOVED WATCHING SPORTS, ESPECIALLY THE





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1 BASKETBALL AND TENNIS GAMES AND A GOOD GAME OF BACKGAMMON WITH  
2 HIS BROTHERS, AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, SON-IN-LAW,  
3 GRANDCHILDREN, SISTER, NIECES AND NEPHEWS. BETTY LOU NASH.  
4 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LANCASTER. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
5 92. SHE HAD BEEN A JOURNALIST FOR THE "LANCASTER LEDGER  
6 GAZETTE," DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC RELATIONS  
7 AT ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE. SHE HAD SERVED ON THE ANTELOPE  
8 VALLEY'S LANCASTER PARKS RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION AND A  
9 TRUSTEE OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. SHE  
10 WAS A DRIVING FORCE IN CREATING THE WONDERFUL AND VERY  
11 BEAUTIFUL LANCASTER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. AND SHE IS  
12 SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN. ANTHONY GAETA, ANOTHER  
13 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
14 OF 87. HE WAS A PENSION SPECIALIST FOR TRANSAMERICA LIFE. HE  
15 HAD VOLUNTEERED 11 YEARS FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMITTEE ON  
16 AGING'S MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM AND SERVED ONE TERM AS  
17 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN.  
18 EVA MAE GIESE PASSED AWAY ON JULY 1ST AT THE AGE OF 95. SHE  
19 WAS A MEMBER OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ARCADIA. SHE'S  
20 SURVIVED BY HER SON RAY AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW. ANDREW KINGSMORE  
21 GRANNIS TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 24. HE WAS  
22 GRADUATE OF SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL IN 2009. HE WORKED FOR I.T.,  
23 AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, HIS BROTHER AND HIS COUSIN.  
24 EDWARD DANIELS MADISON PASSED AT THE AGE 86 ON JUNE 25TH. HE  
25 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE DURING THE KOREAN WAR.



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1 HE WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLANNING DIVISION AS A  
2 CIVIL ENGINEER AND AT LOCKHEED CORPORATION AS ASSOCIATE  
3 ENGINEER, WORKING ON PROJECTS INCLUDING THE SUPER  
4 CONSTELLATION PROJECT AND THE F-104 AIRCRAFT. COLLABORATED  
5 WITH SKUNK WORKS ON THE S.R.-71 AIRCRAFT, AND HE IS SURVIVED  
6 BY HIS WIFE DIAN AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. DR. HARRY ZELL, JR.  
7 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF DUARTE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 6TH AT  
8 THE AGE OF 99. HE SERVED PROUDLY IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
9 DURING WORLD WAR II. HE WAS A PHYSICIAN. HE RECEIVED A BRONZE  
10 STAR FOR HIS BRAVERY. HE WAS GRADUATE OF U.S.C. SCHOOL OF  
11 MEDICINE AND SURVIVED BY HIS TWO CHILDREN. ALSO LIKE TO MOVE  
12 THAT WE WOULD MOVE IN MEMORY OF THE FOUR DALLAS POLICE  
13 OFFICERS AND THE ONE RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY OFFICER WHO WERE  
14 ASSASSINATED WHILE PROTECTING PROTESTORS. SERGEANT MICHAEL  
15 SMITH, FORMER ARMY RANGER, SENIOR CORPORAL LORNE AHRENS, 48,  
16 HAD BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT SINCE 2002. BUT HE ALSO FORMERLY  
17 WORKED FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S TECHNICIAN IN THE  
18 LENNOX AND LANCASTER STATIONS AND WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
19 AS I SAID SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. OFFER MICHAEL KROL WHO HAD  
20 BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT SINCE 2007. OFFICER PATRICK  
21 ZAMARRIPA, 32, FORMER NAVY SAILOR AND IRAQI WAR VETERAN, AND  
22 DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT OFFICER BRENT THOMPSON, FORMER  
23 MARINE WHO HAD BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT SINCE 2009. HE WAS THE  
24 FIRST DALLAS RAPID TRANSIT OFFICER TO BE KILLED IN THE LINE OF  
25 DUTY SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1989. LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AGO, HE



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1 HAD MARRIED ANOTHER TRANSIT OFFICER AT THE AUTHORITY. THOSE  
2 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. ALL MEMBERS. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I MOVE TODAY WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE  
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANCES DANA MALCOLM. FRANCES DANA  
6 MALCOLM WAS BORN AT BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL ON AUGUST 2ND, 1946  
7 TO PARENTS OF ALAN AND EM MALCOLM OF ROCKS, MASSACHUSETTS.  
8 WHEN HE TURNED 17 YEARS OLD, HIS PARENTS SIGNED THE RELEASE  
9 ALLOWING HIM TO ENLIST IN THE MARINE CORPS. ASSIGNED TO THE  
10 THIRD BATTALION NINTH MARINES, HE BECAME PART OF AN LET 200  
11 MAN UNIT REFERRED TO AS HUNGRY EYE, EXECUTING RECON WORK  
12 THROUGHOUT HIS THREE TOURS WHILE SERVING IN BATTLE DURING THE  
13 VIETNAM WAR. SADLY HE WAS ONLY ONE OF 11 SURVIVORS OUT OF 200  
14 IN HIS UNIT. TRANSITIONING FROM SOLDIER TO PROFESSIONAL, DANNY  
15 HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH KAISER PERMANENTE ON AUGUST 18, IN  
16 1974. HE EARNED HIS DEGREE FROM CAL STATE LONG BEACH IN 1986  
17 AND A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING, MAKING IT  
18 POSSIBLE TO SERVE AS A BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN. HE WAS  
19 A UNION TEAM LEADER FOR 25 YEARS UNTIL HE RETIRED IN DECEMBER  
20 OF 2007, AFTER 34 YEARS WORKING FOR KAISER. DANNY IS SURVIVED  
21 BY HIS SPOUSE, CAROL GRASAFONTE MALCOLM. SHE IS ALSO ONE OF MY  
22 COMMISSIONERS. FIVE SIBLINGS, SEVEN CHILDREN, 13 GRANDCHILDREN  
23 AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, NOT TO MENTION THE EXTENDED  
24 CHILDREN AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS THAT STARTED OUT AS FRIENDS



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1 AND BECAME FAMILY OVER THE YEARS. THAT'S MY ADJOURNMENT,  
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. GEORGE BROWN,  
5 BORN ON MARCH 9, 1922 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE PASSED ON JULY  
6 THE 2ND IN NEW YORK AT THE AGE OF 94. CHANGE HIS NAME TO  
7 ROSCOE CONKLIN BROWN TO HONOR THE UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM  
8 NEW YORK WHO CHAMPIONED THE RIGHTS OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS DURING  
9 THE PERIOD WE KNOW AS RECONSTRUCTION. HE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF  
10 IN A VARIETY OF WAYS BUT MOST NOTABLE MAY HAVE BEEN THAT HE  
11 WAS A TUSKEGEE AIRMAN, COMMANDER OF THE 100TH FIGHTER  
12 SQUADRON OF THE B-32 FIGHTER GROUP DURING WORLD WAR II AND 68  
13 COMBAT MISSIONS AND HAS CONSIDERABLE CREDITS TO HIS NAME. HE  
14 MOVED FROM THAT STELLAR POINT IN HIS LIFE TO OBTAIN A  
15 BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE IN MASSACHUSETTS,  
16 AND MASTER'S AND THEN A DOCTORAL DEGREE FROM NEW YORK  
17 UNIVERSITY. WENT ON TO BECOME PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY IN WHICH  
18 HE RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE AND THEN SPENT TIME IN THE COMMUNITY  
19 COLLEGE SYSTEM, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK GRADUATE CENTER,  
20 AND SPENT TIME, AS WELL, DOING THE WORK THAT HE NEEDED TO DO  
21 THAT EARNED HIM THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ALONG WITH OTHER  
22 SURVIVING TUSKEGEE AIRMEN. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LEADER  
23 IN EDUCATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN,  
24 DENNIS, DONALD, DORIS AND DIANE, AS WELL AS A HOST OF FAMILY,  
25 FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES, STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE TUSKEGEE



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1 AIRMEN WHO WILL REMEMBER HIM FONDLY. DORIES DINLO FARRELL,  
2 BORN JUNE 2ND, 1954 IN LOS ANGELES AND PASSED ON JUNE 29 AT  
3 THE AGE OF 62. IN 1972 SHE WAS LEADER AT THE THOMAS JEFFERSON  
4 HIGH SCHOOL AND SERVED AS THE STUDENT BODY FALL PRESIDENT.  
5 CAPTAIN OF THE VARSITY CHEERLEADING SQUAD AND MANY OTHER  
6 THINGS THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH DURING HER LIFE. THE  
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ADVISORY BOARD AS WELL AS THE WORK SHE DID  
8 WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK SOCIAL WORKERS ON TEEN  
9 POSTS FOR GANG INTERVENTION. SHE PARTICIPATED IN PARKS AND  
10 RECREATION SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM. IN THE '70S SHE BEGAN HER  
11 CAREER IN WHAT WAS THEN THE RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT THAT AS WE  
12 KNOW LATER BECAME THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.  
13 SHE WAS AN OPERATOR FOR MANY YEARS UNTIL SHE BECAME ILL AND  
14 CONTINUED AS A SERVICE ATTENDANT FUELING AND WORKING IN THE  
15 AGENCY UNTIL SHE RETIRED IN 2002. AFTER HER RETIREMENT SHE  
16 CONTINUED TO WORK IN VARIOUS FIELDS IN SECURITY, FOOD SERVICE  
17 AND HEALTHCARE AS WELL AS RETAIL. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR  
18 HER STRONG WORK ETHIC AND DEDICATION, FOR LOVE OF FAMILY AND  
19 FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, SIBLINGS AS WELL AS  
20 A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF WHICH I CONSIDER MYSELF TO BE  
21 ONE, AS SHE WAS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FRIEND OF MINE AND WE  
22 WILL MISS HER. ALVIN TOFFLER, SELF-TRAINED SOCIAL SCIENTIST  
23 AND WRITER BORN 1928 IN NEW YORK AND PASSED JUNE 26TH AT THE  
24 AGE OF 87. WE KNOW HIM MOST AS A RESULT OF HIS BEST SELLING  
25 WORK KNOWN AS "FUTURE SHOCK." OTHER BOOKS INCLUDE "THE THIRD



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1 WAVE." HE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF STARTING OUT IN A VERY HUMBLE  
2 WAY WORKING IN A NATIONAL TRADE MAGAZINE AS A RESULT OF  
3 BECOMING A WELDER, HE MOVED IN INDUSTRY IN WELDING. HE MOVED  
4 ON FROM THERE. TO "FORTUNE" MAGAZINE AND THEN HE AND HIS WIFE  
5 BEGAN A CAREER IN FREELANCE WRITING, AND THEY COVERED  
6 POLITICS, TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL SCIENCE AND OTHER MORE SCHOLARLY  
7 JOURNALS. HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS INCLUDING THE AUTHOR OF  
8 THE YEAR AWARD BY THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF JOURNALISTS AND  
9 AUTHORS, AND THE BROWN UNIVERSITY INDEPENDENT AWARD, JUST TO  
10 NAME A FEW. INFLUENTIAL EDUCATOR. DISTINGUISHED WRITER IN THE  
11 FIELDS OF POLITICS, CULTURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE, AND SHAPED  
12 SOCIETIES LITERALLY ALL OVER THE WORLD. I REMEMBER READING HIS  
13 FIRST WELL KNOWN TEXT AS AN UNDERGRADUATE, AND HAD QUITE AN  
14 IMPACT THROUGHOUT UNIVERSITIES IN THE '70S. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
15 HIS WIFE HEIDI, HIS SISTER CAROLYN AND A HOST OF FAMILIES,  
16 FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES AND ENTHUSIASTS WHO WERE A PART OF THE  
17 MOVEMENT DEFINED AS THE MOVEMENT FOR FUTURISTS. SO WE  
18 ACKNOWLEDGE PROFESSOR ALVIN TOFFLER.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. WE HAVE SEVERAL  
21 SPEAKERS, PUBLIC COMMENT. ARNOLD SACHS. AND QUEEN SEARLES. GO  
22 AHEAD, MA'AM.

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24 **QUEEN SEARLES:** HI. BEFORE I CAME TO SAY WHAT I CAME TO SAY, I  
25 WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK SUPERVISOR DON KNABE AND SUPERVISOR





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1 ANTONOVICH, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T SEE HIM RIGHT NOW. THEY DID  
2 SOMETHING FOR ME WHEN I GOT HERE. I HAD ISSUES AND I CALLED  
3 THE COUNTY. AND BECAUSE OF THE TENACIOUS PEOPLE AND EFFECTIVE  
4 PEOPLE IN YOUR OFFICE, I WAS ABLE TO GET COUNTY SERVICES THAT  
5 I REALLY NEEDED AT THAT TIME. AND SO IT DAWNED ON ME THAT IT  
6 WAS YOUR OFFICE THAT I CALLED THAT CALLED THE COUNTY AND  
7 HELPED ME GET. I WANT TO THANK YOU PUBLICLY FOR THAT. AND  
8 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND HAVING THIS FORUM BECAUSE  
9 WHERE I'M FROM, THEY'RE GONE BY NOW. I JUST WANT TO SAY, THIS  
10 5150 LAW THAT'S ON THE BOOKS, SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT  
11 THAT BECAUSE IT'S BEING ABUSED. THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT'S  
12 BEING SPENT ON MEDICATION IS TOO MUCH. WE CAN USE THAT BETTER  
13 THAN WHAT WE'RE USING IT, SO PLEASE SOMEBODY ADDRESS THAT,  
14 BECAUSE THERE'S NO WAY I SHOULD HAVE BEEN 5150. ALL OF MY  
15 POSSESSIONS, COMING TO THE POINT WHERE I CAN'T GET THEM OUT.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. A  
20 LITTLE DISCUSSION, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WERE PAYING ATTENTION.  
21 A LITTLE RECAP. SOMEBODY MENTIONED WE WERE DISCUSSING WITH THE  
22 HOMELESS INITIATIVES AND THE SALES TAX. YOU CAN BE PREDICTABLE  
23 ABOUT SALES TAX. EVERYBODY VOTED AT METRO FOR R-2, WHICH IS  
24 TWICE THE AMOUNT OF THE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HE DIDN'T VOTE FOR IT.

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3    **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE SPEAKER WHO MENTIONED IT DID. CONGRATS.

4    THAT'S RIGHT, YOU WERE BEING FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE. WELL,

5    LET'S SEE, METRO R-2 MENTION IT WOULD RAISE \$860 MILLION. BUT

6    SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS MENTIONED THAT TODAY'S HALF CENT,

7    QUARTER CENT SALES TAX WOULD RAISE \$355 MILLION. QUARTER,

8    HALF. SO YOU TALK ABOUT BEING RUDE, MADAME CHAIR. WHEN YOU'RE

9    FED THAT KIND OF CRAP AND YOU DISBELIEVE WHAT WE SAY? PLEASE.

10

11   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE EXCUSED. TINA PHILLIPS. JOSE

12   MARTINEZ. ZORINA SOHL. STEPHON BECKAM. CANDACE CAMPER. STATE

13   YOUR NAME, MA'AM. YOU CAN START.

14

15   **CANDACE CAMPER:** HI, I'M CANDACE CAMPER, AND THERE'S NO WAY I

16   CAN SPEAK WHAT I NEED TO SPEAK WITHIN UNDER A MINUTE. THAT'S

17   DISRESPECTING ME. I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS CORRUPTION CASE,

18   SUBSIDY HOUSING FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS. JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER

19   BUSINESS OWNER THAT HAS COME TO SPEAK AND IS HERE TODAY AND I

20   WANT EVERYONE HERE TO REALIZE THAT BEFORE YOUR JOBS AND BEFORE

21   YOUR OFFICES AND POSITIONS, YOU ARE HUMAN BEINGS. JUST LIKE

22   THE REST OF US. WE GET UP AND WE LAY DOWN THE SAME WAY. NOW

23   THIS IS WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO INSTEAD. SINCE I ONLY HAVE 21

24   SECONDS, I WANT TO DO THIS. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT I'VE

25   BEEN WORKING WITH THAT MAY BE FAMILIAR TO YOU GUYS. OFFICE OF



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1 COUNTY INVESTIGATIONS, HER NAME IS ALISA SURGETTI. I CAN'T SAY  
2 THAT RIGHT, I'M SORRY IF I MISPRONOUNCE IT. MARIA SANTANA.  
3 SHE'S IN THE SAME OFFICE. BRIAN BELL, HE'S IN THE SAME OFFICE.  
4 WE ALSO HAVE CHRIS WRIGHT, HE'S IN SAME OFFICE. ANTHONY KIM,  
5 HE'S IN THE SAME OFFICE. TERRENCE POWELL, HE'S WITH THE  
6 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES.  
7 L.A.H.S.A. AND D.P.S.S. WHO LEFT ME OUTSIDE ON THE STREETS  
8 HOMELESS, MOST RECENTLY THIS PAST FRIDAY. I'VE BEEN WORKING  
9 WITH THEM. I'M ALSO BEEN WORKING WITH THE WOMEN'S CENTER.  
10 ALVIA VALDEZ. ANOTHER LISA AT L.A.H.S.A. THAT LEFT ME OUTSIDE  
11 IN THE STREET HOMELESS. I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH WATTS HEALTH.  
12 I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH TRACEY SIMPSON OVER AT VOLUNTEERS OF  
13 AMERICA. I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE JULIAN ACCESS CENTER. I'VE  
14 BEEN WORKING WITH THE ARC OF RECOVERY MINISTRIES. I HAVE BEEN  
15 WORKING WITH THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK  
16 DEPARTMENT. I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE COUNTY COMMUNITY OF  
17 LOS ANGELES SENIOR SERVICES.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. TIME'S EXPIRED.

20

21 **QUEEN SEARLES:** SO I'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK. AND I WILL CONTINUE  
22 TO DO A LOT OF WORK.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VERY GOOD.

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1   **QUEEN SEARLES ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS.**

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3   **>>SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. NEXT SPEAKER, MAN.

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5   **QUEEN SEARLES:** PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS BECAUSE OF YOU GUYS.

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7   **TINA PHILLIPS:** GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS TINA PHILLIPS, AND I  
8   AM CURRENTLY HOMELESS ALSO. AND THAT IS FROM PERSONAL ISSUES,  
9   BUT MY PETITION TO THE SUPERVISORS THIS EVENING IS THAT WE DO  
10   NOT PUT THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE VOTERS' HANDS. THEY  
11   ARE TIRED OF TAXES BEING RAISED. AND VOTERS CANNOT UNDERSTAND  
12   THE UNIQUE DILEMMAS OF THE HOMELESS. I HAVE BEEN CHRONICALLY  
13   HOMELESS AT THIS POINT BECAUSE OF PERSONAL TRAUMAS. MY SISTER  
14   PASSED AWAY. MY MOTHER, FATHER PASSED AWAY. I'M ALSO A CHRONIC  
15   OR SERIAL ENTREPRENEUR. I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND  
16   THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF HOMELESSNESS INCLUDING  
17   MENTAL ILLNESS WHICH I HAVE BEEN COMPLIANT WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
18   OF MENTAL HEALTH, CHURCHES, STUDENTS AND ET CETERA. THANK YOU.

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20   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JEFFREY SUTTON.  
21   DANIEL GARCIA. JOHN JIMENEZ. OSCAR MOHAMMAD. HERMAN HERMAN.  
22   RED CHIEF HUNT.

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24   **OSCAR MOHAMMAD:** YEAH. I'M FROM THE SOUTHERN STATE DOWN SOUTH.  
25   AND WHEN WE HEAR SOMEONE PRY IN SOMEONE ELSE'S BUSINESS, WE



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1 SAY POKING YOUR NOSE IN OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS. I SAID, "MAN,  
2 WHERE THE POPE GETS HIS NAME FROM?" HE SAID, "MAN, THAT DAMN  
3 POPE GETS HIS NAME FROM POKING HIS DAMN NOSE IN THE BUSINESS  
4 OF THE WORLD." BUT ANYWAY. OUR STRUGGLE FOR US TO GET JUSTICE  
5 BY THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, IF YOU SEE THE UNITED STATES LIVE UP TO  
6 THIS TRUMP FOR DEMOCRACY. BUT OUR UNITED STATES JUSTICE SYSTEM  
7 NEGLECT THEIR OBLIGATION TO US, DISRESPECT THEIR OBLIGATION  
8 TOWARDS JUSTICE FOR THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN. THEY ALWAYS FOUND A  
9 NEW NOOSE TO HANG AROUND THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN NECK AND PUT IT  
10 ON THE HIGHEST TREE THEY CAN FIND. ANYWAY WE SHOULD ASK OUR  
11 GOVERNMENT TO SOUND THE SAME HORN OF COMMITMENT OF DEMOCRACY  
12 AND JUSTICE, TO SOUND IT IN THE EARS OF THOSE OPPRESSED  
13 ISRAELI REGIMES, WHO IS DESTROYING MANKIND AND USING THE  
14 POLITICIANS TO DESTROY THE WORLD. THE WORST CRIMINALS IN THE  
15 WORLD IS THE POLITICIANS.

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17 **HERMAN HERMAN:** MADAME SPEAKER, I RESERVE MY TIME TO MR.  
18 SPINDLER, THE ONE MINUTE, THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MR. SPINDLER?

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22 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** TWO MINUTES, ALL RIGHT. SO, PICTURED HERE IS  
23 THE LATEST L.A. CITY CRIMINAL. COUNCILMAN MITCHELL O'FARRELL.  
24 HE GOT A GREAT IDEA. LET'S GET A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST A  
25 BLACK MAN AT CITY HALL BECAUSE THEY GOT ONE AGAINST ME IN



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1 FAVOR OF ANOTHER CITY COUNCILMAN. THE SAME JUDGE THAT DID ME  
2 IN READ BRANDENBURG VERSUS OHIO AND DENIED THE RESTRAINING  
3 ORDER. IN FACT, THE JUDGE IS SO UPSET, SHE WANTS TO KNOW WHY  
4 THE CITY ATTORNEY OF LOS ANGELES DID NOT PRESENT HER WITH  
5 EVIDENCE THAT THESE ARE PROTECTED SPEECH CASES. SHE DIDN'T  
6 KNOW THAT. AND THE CITY ATTORNEY FAILED TO BRIEF THE ISSUE.  
7 BUT MR. HUNT, ACTING AS HIS OWN LAWYER, DID. SO NOW, HOW COME  
8 I GET MY REPUTATION AND MY LIFE DESTROYED WHEN I'M ENGAGED IN  
9 A PROTECTED RIGHT? WHY DOESN'T ANYBODY SAY, YOU CAN'T DO THAT  
10 CONSTITUTIONALLY, YOU CAN'T DO THAT UNDER THE BROWN ACT, YOU  
11 CAN'T DO THAT UNDER ANTI-S.L.A.P.? BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO READ  
12 THE LAW. AND NOW I REALIZE THE SAME JUDGE UNDERSTANDS THAT  
13 NOW. I WANT JUDGE CAROLYN BOWES GOODSON TO ORDER THE L.A. CITY  
14 ATTORNEY TO VACATE MY RESTRAINING ORDER. I HAVE UNTIL AUGUST  
15 THE 10TH TO FILE AN APPEAL. I'M SPENDING \$18,000 IN AN  
16 INVESTIGATION RIGHT NOW AND I AM OUT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF  
17 DOLLARS BECAUSE THEY ACCUSE ME OF BEING A NAZI COLLABORATOR  
18 WHEN I HANDED A SPEAKER CARD IN IN A PUBLIC MEETING. THAT'S  
19 CALLED POLITICAL ASSASSINATION. THANK YOU, JUDGE GOODSON AND  
20 MAY YOU PLEASE DO THE SAME FOR ME.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MARY JACOBS. MAUREEN ELISSA KEOWEN.  
23 GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

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1   **MARY JACOBS:** MY HUSBAND, RAWLIN MOODY, IS ORDERED TO BE IN  
2   COURT ON THE 14TH OF JULY TO SEE JUDGE JULIE FOX BRADSHAW TO  
3   FIND OUT-- IT'S LIKE A MAURY POVITCH SHOW-- TO FIND OUT IF  
4   HE'S A DADDY. AND THEY ALREADY CALLED TO SAY WE WANT TO LOOK  
5   AT YOUR HOUSE. SO APPARENTLY THERE MUST BE A REASON THEY WANT  
6   TO SEE THE HOUSE JUST IN CASE MY 83-YEAR-OLD HUSBAND IS THE  
7   DADDY AND I JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING SO  
8   SUPERIOR. AND I WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
9   FAMILY SERVICES FOR FINALLY ALLOWING HIM TO GET THE D.N.A.  
10   TEST. AND GOD WILLING WE WILL HAVE HIS CHILD AND TAKE CARE OF  
11   IT. AND HOPEFULLY THE MOTHER CAN NURSE THE BABY AND ALL IS  
12   WELL WITH THE WORLD. THIS IS MY NEW [INAUDIBLE]. THIS IS MY  
13   MARY FROM MARS GOING TO YOUTUBE. I DON'T KNOW. I'VE GOT TO  
14   MAKE SOME MONEY SOMEHOW, TO SUPPORT THE BABY, RIGHT? SO I'M  
15   GOING TO GO BACK ON T.V., I HOPE. EVEN IF IT'S ON THE  
16   INTERNET. THANK YOU.

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18   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOW WE ARE GOING TO TURN TO  
19   LANCASTER. AT LANCASTER, WE HAVE JASON ZINK, MICHAEL JENKINS  
20   AND DIANA BEARD- WILLIAMS.

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22   **JASON ZINK:** GOOD EVENING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M HER TO  
23   TALK TO YOU ABOUT TODAY A.V. HOSPITAL WENT TO SUE THE COUNTY  
24   IN COURT TODAY. MY MAIN THING IS WE ARE GETTING THE SHORT END  
25   OF THE STICK UP HERE IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. WE'RE GETTING 8 CENTS



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1 ON THE DOLLAR. SO 92 CENTS GOES DOWN TO L.A. AND STAYS THERE.  
2 WE HAVE THE BIGGEST CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS OF ALL OF L.A.  
3 COUNTY. WE HAVE HUGE AMOUNTS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE. I DON'T KNOW  
4 IF THE HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE JUST BEING SENT UP HERE OR WHAT'S  
5 GOING ON. BUT I LIVED HERE MY WHOLE LIFE AND I NEVER SEEN THIS  
6 MANY HOMELESS PEOPLE UP IN LANCASTER. I DO NOT WANT THIS MONEY  
7 SPENT ON ATTORNEY FEES. WE SPENT \$100 MILLION ON THE WATER  
8 ALLOCATION IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. \$100 MILLION DID NOT PRODUCE  
9 ONE DROP OF WATER FOR THE PEOPLE OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. PLEASE,  
10 YOU GUYS. MIKE ANTONOVICH, FIGHT FOR US. GET THIS THING  
11 SETTLED. GET THIS CRISIS IN ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL OVER  
12 WITH. THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. MICHAEL  
15 JENKINS?

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17 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** YES, THIS IS EVANGELIST MICHAEL JENKINS  
18 AGAIN. AND I WANT TO SPEAK REALLY REALLY DIRECTLY TO  
19 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I HAVE SEVERAL  
20 THINGS TO SAY TO YOU, AND I HOPE THAT YOU'RE LISTENING BECAUSE  
21 NUMBER 1, I CAME TO YOU SEVERAL TIMES ASKED YOU TO HELP TO GET  
22 MY GRANDDAUGHTER, THAT HAS SPECIAL NEEDS, THAT HAD A HOLE IN  
23 HER HEART THAT HAD TO BE AIRLIFTED FROM A.V. HOSPITAL DOWN TO  
24 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. I CAME TO YOU SEVERAL, SEVERAL TIMES AND  
25 ASKED FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE. YOU REFUSED TO DO IT. THANK YOU





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1 VERY MUCH, ANTONOVICH, FOR THAT. NOW, ANOTHER THING MR.  
2 ANTONOVICH IS ABOUT KATHRYN WHATEVER HER NAME IS. THAT'S  
3 RUNNING FOR YOUR SEAT. SHE CAME DOWN HERE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO.  
4 GAVE A COUPLE MILLION DOLLARS BUT THEN YOU NEVER HEAR ABOUT  
5 THAT. WHERE IS THAT GOING, MIKE? INTO YOUR POCKET, INTO REX  
6 POCKET? IS IT GOING INTO THE OTHER SUPERVISOR'S POCKET? WE'RE  
7 TIRED OF IT UP HERE IN THIS PLANTATION. THIS PLANTATION, MIKE,  
8 YOU GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS BECAUSE IT'S A PLANTATION  
9 UP HERE.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER. NEXT  
12 SPEAKER, THANK YOU. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS, THANK YOU.

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14 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** I'M WEARY. I'M DR. DIANA BEARD-  
15 WILLIAMS. THERE'S FOUR THINGS I REALLY WANT TO SAY NUMBER 1.  
16 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES HAS ACTED IN A  
17 HORRENDOUS MANNER REGARDING THE JENKINS CASE, ELIZABETH  
18 JENKINS AND MIKE JENKINS. I'M CALLING ON ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN  
19 L.A. COUNTY TO CONTACT ME WITH THEIR CASES SO THAT WE CAN  
20 START TO SUE THEM AND FILE A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AND 45 DAYS,  
21 MIKE, IF THIS JENKINS CASE IS NOT RESOLVED, IT WILL BE FILED  
22 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN A FEDERAL COURT. NUMBER 2,  
23 TOUCH MY SON. SET MY SON UP SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE ME  
24 IN THE MICHAEL JENKINS HANGING COURTHOUSE AND IN WHICH  
25 BRUCKNER HAS TOLD ME ABOUT THE CULTURE OF THE COURTHOUSE AND



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1 HOW PUBLIC DEFENDERS ROLL OVER. I HAVE IT ON TAPE AND I WILL  
2 RAISE HELL. THE THIRD THING I WILL SAY IS GOD BLESS THE SOUL  
3 OF LOU BOZIGIAN. HE WAS CORRUPT, MIKE. AND HE AND I TALKED  
4 MANY TIMES ABOUT THE DEATH OF--

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING IS A  
9 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON JULY 12, 2016.  
10 ITEM NO. C.S.-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
11 EXISTING LITIGATION, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN. ITEM NO.  
12 C.S.-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
13 LITIGATION, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED SETTLEMENT OF THE MATTER  
14 ENTITLED VERIZON CALIFORNIA, INCORPORATED VERSUS STATE BOARD  
15 OF EQUALIZATION. THE DETAILS OF THE SETTLEMENT WILL BE MADE  
16 AVAILABLE ONCE FINALIZED BY ALL PARTIES. THE VOTE OF THE BOARD  
17 WAS UNANIMOUS WITH ALL SUPERVISORS BEING PRESENT. ITEM NO.  
18 C.S.-3, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS. NO REPORTABLE  
19 ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, WITH THAT, MEMBERS, WE ARE  
22 ADJOURNED. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE PUBLIC AND TO OUR  
23 STAFFS FOR WORKING SO DILIGENTLY TODAY TO GET US THROUGH.  
24 THANK YOU. AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LORI GLASGOW [APPLAUSE.] WHOO  
25 HOO! SHE'S 21 AGAIN, YEAH!



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